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WASHINGTON, Sunday, Dec. 17.

MORE RATIFICATION.

Official information has reached the Department of State of the ratification by the Legislatures of Indiana, Georgia and Alabama, of the proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the United States on the subject of slavery.

CONDITION OF GOV. CORWIN.

Gov. CORWIN has been gradually sinking all day. The physician in attendance thinks that he will not live through the night. Many prominent friends called to-day to inquire as to his condition. He has been unconscious ever since he was stricken by paralysis on Friday night.

NEWS FROM MEXICO.

Señor ROMERO has received official intelligence from El Paso up to the 19th of November. President JUAREZ, his Cabinet, and the other officers of the National Government, intended to leave El Paso on the 13th of that month for the City of Chihuahua. The French had retired as far as Durango, and it was understood they would also abandon that State in their movement of concentration.

COMPLIMENTS TO OUR MINISTER.

While Mr. BURLINGAME, our Minister to China, was in this city, he was the recipient of marked attention, not only from the Secretary of State and other high functionaries of the government, but from the Diplomatic Corps, and especially from Col. RAASLOFF, the Danish Minister, and Sir FREDERICK BRUCE, who had agreeable official intercourse with him in China while representing their respective governments in that empire, both of these gentlemen speaking of him in the most flattering terms, and entertaining him with generous hospitalities. He returns to his post with the full confidence of his government, and the high appreciation of his valuable diplomatic services.

VETERAN RESERVES.

Those who favor the retention of the officers of the Veteran Reserve Corps say, after an examination into the subject, that those officers represent four hundred disbanded volunteer organizations, and that a large portion of them were wounded in the late campaigns in Virginia.

OUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Owing to the time required for copying the diplomatic correspondence with England and France, referred to in the President's annual Message, it is not probable the transcript will be communicated to Congress till after the holidays.

MILITARY AND NAVAL ASYLUM.

The Special Committee of the Corporators of the National Military and Naval Asylum, met in this city on the 13th inst., in pursuance of a resolution passed at their last meeting, and prepared certain amendments to the act of incorporation, which are to be presented in Congress to-morrow. The material amendment proposed, makes one-fifth, or twenty of the corporators, constitute a quorum. Another amendment strikes out the words "totally disabled," and provides for the admission of such as are by wounds received in service rendered unfit for maintaining themselves. Another provides for other officers of the asylum than those named in the original act, and directs that these additional officers be selected from wounded soldiers. The other alterations of the original law are not of great moment. The location of this asylum is a matter of importance, and already several propositions for the sale of what are represented to be eligible sites have been presented to the Board of Corporators. Among these is one from the owners of a site at Point Lookout, which is offered for $150,000. There are reasons, not necessary under the circumstances to recite, which would make Point Lookout objectionable as a position for the asylum, and, as we understand it, the special committee, at its last meeting, had a free interchange of opinions upon the subject, and unanimously agreed that the site should be selected from some location west of Pennsylvania, or not far north of the Ohio River. The advantages of such a position will doubtless be set forth by the committee when the corporation shall be fully organized under the proposed amendments to be offered in Congress to-morrow. It is reported on the street that Gen. GRANT favors Point Lookout as a site, but we are authorized to say that such is not the fact.

THE MEXICAN MISSION.

If it is true, as repeatedly reported, that Gen. LOGAN has declined the Mexican mission, the fact is certainly not known in official quarters.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS IN THE SOUTH.

A. B. MULLETT, Esq., Assistant Architect of the Treasury Department, has just returned from the South, where he has been inspecting the government buildings, under an order directed to him, some weeks ago, by the Secretary of the Treasury. The old Custom-house and Marine Hospital at Charleston were found to be so badly wrecked that they will be useless. Mr. MULLETT reports that the government buildings in the other Southern cities are generally in fair condition, and will require but little repairing.

EDUCATORS IN THE DISTRICT.

Senator WILSON will introduce a bill in the Senate to-morrow, providing for the appropriation of one million acres of the government lands for educational purposes in the District of Columbia. He will also introduce a bill appropriating three hundred thousand acres for instituting in this district a normal school for the education of school teachers.

MUSTERING OUT OFFICERS.

An important bill will also be introduced in the Senate, providing for mustering out all officers of the regular and volunteer forces save certain important scientific bodies, and filling up the organizations of infantry, cavalry and artillery to be raised under the proposed increased of the regular army from those of the volunteer veteran reserves and regular army who have distinguished themselves in the late war by bravery and meritorious conduct, and who are found competent for official position upon examination before a board of examiners, to be composed of officers equally selected, as near as may be, from the regular and volunteer service. We understand that Senator WILSON is the father of the proposed law.

PERSONAL.

D. W. CHEESEMAN, Esq., United States Treasurer at San Francisco, who has been here for several weeks, on official business, will leave New-York per steamer the 21st inst., en route for California.

MAILS ON RAILROADS.

The Postmaster-General has issued the following circular to railroad managers:

It is known to you that the mail service on the railroads generally, during last Winter, was so irregularly performed as to seriously delay the transmission of the mails. Various causes were assigned for the failures, but the principal one was the great length of trains, that made it impossible for them to make their schedule time. No satisfactory reason for this was given to this department or the public. The compensation for carrying the mails is remunerative for the railroad companies, and their obligation is clearly to convey them according to their most expeditious schedules, whatever may be the delay to their passenger or freight traffic. The interest of the public in the regular and speedy transmission of the mails is superior to the private interests of railroad companies, and the delaying of the mails by overburdened trains is virtually a violation of the implied contracts of the companies with this department. The remedy is with the companies. Lessen the number of cars on the mail trains, especially on those carrying the through mails to the maximum that will not necessarily prevent the schedule times being regularly made, and the difficulty will be removed. The request now made for you to do so is in no sense unreasonable but demanded alike for the interest of the government and the public, while your faithful compliance will only be the proper observance of your contract with the department. I trust your company will heartily co-operate with the department in its earnest desire to furnish the mails regularly and expeditiously to the public.

Respectfully,

W. DENNISON, Post Master General.

THE NEW LEGEND ON THE COINS.

The Director of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, has sent to the Secretary of the Treasury several specimens of coins, with a new motto thereon. Accompanying these coins, the Director sends the following letter:

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15, 1865.

Hon. Hugh McCulloch, Secretary of the Treasury:

SIR: By the fifth section of the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1865, entitled "An act to authorize the coinage of three-cent pieces, and for other purposes," it is enacted, that in addition to the devices and legends upon the gold, silver and other coins of the United States, it shall be lawful for the Director of a mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause the motto, "In God we Trust," to be placed upon such coin, hereafter to be issued, as shall admit of such legend thereon.

In pursuance of this authority, I directed the engraver of the mint to prepare dies with the motto for such gold and silver coins as would admit of the addition. The execution of this order required time, care and skill, and I now forward to you specimens in copper of the double eagle, eagle and half eagle, (gold coins,) and the dollar, half dollar and quarter dollar, (silver coins,) with the motto "In God we trust," on the reverse of each coin, for your approval or otherwise, as required by law. The other gold and silver coins are too small to receive the motto, so as to be legible. The retention of the existing legends and devices will not admit of greater prominence being given to the motto on the coins, but the addition as now presented on the specimens add much to the appearance of our coinage. Should you approve the specimens submitted, I will at once cause to be struck, with the motto, gold and silver coins of the denominations represented by the specimens.

I propose to direct the engraver to revise and remodel the dies for the gold and silver coins, so that, by retaining the legal devices and legends, he may, by change of size, position, &c., give to the coins with the motto a more artistic and elegant appearance. I think it can be done. If successful, I will submit them to you for your judgment and approval. For this purpose no additional legislation is required.

Yours, very respectfully,

JAS. POLLOCK, Director.

Secretary McCULLOCH approves the specimens and authorizes the Director of the Mint to strike off coins with the motto, as above described.

OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Status of the Restoration Question—Undue Haste in its Disposition—The House Joint Committee—Important Constitutional Amendments—The President's House and Washington Nuisances.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 16, 1865.

Congress approaches its work with the deliberation indicative of a long session, while the nature of that work promises a very interesting session; and yet, in the most important work before it, there has been less deliberation than there should have been. There was a haste in deciding upon the manner of treating the chief question before it, which it is now seen may embarrass future action. The House of Representatives, in particular, has tied its own hands and estopped all utterance upon the question of restoration until it suits the pleasure of the Joint Committee to report. Every indication of debate upon the proposition before the House has been mercilessly cut short by the demand for the "previous question;" and that thorough test of the real temper of the members which is best ascertained by vigorous debate, has not yet been had. In the Senate, where the "previous question" is unknown, the action has been much more deliberate, and the concurrent resolution was pruned of the objectionable feature which shuts the mouths of the members while the subject is before the committee. The House, on Thursday, however, passed, as an independent resolution, the very feature stricken out by the Senate. This resolution, although offered by Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, was the same of which Mr. STEVENS gave notice on the day previous. He put it in WILSON's hands for presentation, because his own State would not be reached on the call for resolutions. WILSON demanded the previous question at once, and refused to yield for the purpose of allowing Mr. HALE, of New-York, to offer an amendment excepting Tennessee. There was a slight flutter of opposition to it, chiefly from gentlemen on the Union side; and though it assumed no forcible aspect, yet about twenty voted plumply against it. Tennessee is, therefore, no exception to the resolution, but it is generally understood that the committee will make an early report in the case of that State, in whose favor there are many arguments not applicable to the other States.

The House wing of the Joint Committee, as appointed by the Speaker, is thoroughly radical in its complexion, and a report of like character may be expected. The gentlemen, however, are among the oldest and ablest members of the House, and the public will be disappointed if they do not give the subject the most careful and able consideration.

The cutting off of debate, by the majority in the House, has thus far rendered the proceedings less interesting than usual, and the galleries, especially the ladies' seats, have been but poorly filled. The only speech of any length yet made, was adroitly put in the other day by Mr. CHANLER, of New-York, in opposition to Mr. FARNSWORTH's resolution on the right of colored soldiers to full citizenship. He had the floor for an hour, but as Mr. CHANLER's peculiar constituents don't visit Washington, nor read the newspapers to any extent, the speech will be barren of effect.

Legislation having in view the obstacles to the speedy trial of JEFF. DAVIS, has already been inaugurated. Two bills have been introduced into the Senate, and one into the House, providing that in certain cases of trial for treason, no man shall be deemed to be an incompetent juror because of having formed or expressed an opinion based upon newspaper reports, or the current history of the day, provided that he shall take an oath that he can still render an impartial verdict upon the evidence before him. This overturns the principle held in all courts of justice heretofore, but as it affects no crime but treason, and as any man who has not formed an opinion in the case of DAVIS, is manifestly unfit to sit as a juror, it cannot be deemed to work to the detriment of impartial justice.

There seems to be a mania for amendments to the constitution. At least half a dozen distinct propositions have already been submitted in either House. Among the most important of these are: To fix the basis of representation upon the number of legal voters instead of the population—submitted by Mr. SCHENCK, of Ohio; to prohibit forever the payment of the rebel debt; to repeal the constitutional prohibition against levying export duties; to secure to all persons, in every State of the Union, equal rights to life, liberty and property—these three are submitted by Judge BINGHAM, of Ohio; and the last is intended to secure equal personal, not political, rights to all persons, without distinction of race or color, and without which no man can look for security in any rebel State during this generation. Gov. BOUTWELL, of Massachusetts, has also submitted a proposition, embodying an amendment, which provides that no State shall make any distinction of race or color in determining the qualifications of electors. This is achieving negro suffrage by constitutional means, and it is quite likely that the black men of the South will be well qualified by intelligence and all the higher virtues for the elective franchise, by the time the amendment is ratified by the Southern States, to say nothing of such of the Northern as make this distinction against them at present. These propositions all go to the Judiciary Committee, and will be reported back in such shape as will give the widest field for debate. They are all very important in their character, and embody all the questions pertaining to reconstruction in a very practical manner.

The President's house, which has become sadly disfigured during the past season, in consequence of the failure of the Appropriation Bill last session, is to receive immediate attention. The House promptly passed the bill making a special appropriation of $30,000, and the work will begin at once. It is not possible, however, that the refurnishing can be completed by the time that the President's levées usually commence, and they may consequently be deferred a couple of weeks, though they are looked forward to as the inauguration of the social festivities of the capital. As yet, Washington is dull, especially when compared with former years. But few visitors are here, and the hotels are doing a very moderate business. The traders and shopkeepers who have been fattening on the transient visitors here for the past four years, complain of a small business, though they show no symptoms of reducing their prices. Some articles requisite to housekeeping, such as meats, are cheaper than in New-York; but all articles of wearing apparel are immensely higher, and if a lady wants nothing more than a hoop-skirt, she can save more than the express charges, and get a better article besides, by sending to New-York. These Washington shopkeepers have attempted to organize a Board of Trade, but have made a failure of the matter, which is not at all surprising, in view of the "catchem-and-cheatum" manner in which a majority do their business.

CYMON.

CASE OF COMMODORE CRAVEN.

Sentences of the Court-Martial Disapproved—Spirited Communications from Secretary Welles.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 6, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 68.—At a Naval General Court-Martial, convened at the Navy Department, in the City of Washington Nov. 7, 1865, Commodore THOMAS T. CRAVEN, of the navy, was tried on the following charge and specification, viz:

Charge—Failing to do his utmost to overtake and capture or destroy a vessel which it was his duty to encounter.

Specification—In this: That on or about the 24th day of March, 1865, the said Commodore THOMAS T. CRAVEN, commanding the United States steamer *Niagara*, and having under his control the United States steamer *Sacramento*, then lying off Corunna, on the coast of Spain, and a vessel of the enemy, known as the *Stonewall*, being at that time on its way out of the Bay of Corunna, as was plainly seen by and well known to him, did fail to use any exertions or make any effort whatever to overtake and capture, or destroy the said vessel of the enemy, as it was his duty to have done, but did remain quietly at anchor for more than twenty-four hours after having seen said vessel on its way out of the Bay of Corunna, his pretext for this failure in duty being that "the odds in her (the *Stonewall's*) favor were too great and too certain to admit of the slightest hope of being able to inflict upon her even the most trifling injury;" and that, had he gone into an engagement, "the *Niagara* would most undoubtedly have been easily and promptly destroyed;" and, as subsequently stated by him in an official letter addressed "to the Hon. H. J. PERRY, Chargé d'Affaires, Madrid," and dated March 25, 1865, "with feelings that no one can appreciate, I was obliged to undergo the deep humiliation of knowing that she (the *Stonewall*) was there—steaming back and forth—flaunting her flags and waiting for me to go out to the attack. I dared not do it! The condition of the sea was such that it would have been perfect madness for me to go out. We could not possibly have inflicted the slightest injury upon her, and should have exposed ourselves to almost instant destruction; a one-sided combat, which I do not consider myself called upon to engage in."

GIDEON WELLES,
Secretary of the Navy.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Oct. 20, 1865.

Upon which charge and specification the finding of the court was as follows:

"Specification of the charge proven, except in so far as the words 'as it was his duty to have done,' declare it to have been the imperative duty of the accused to join battle with the *Stonewall*, on the 24th day of March.

The court, in considering the specification as only proven in part, and the accused guilty in a less degree than charged, does not wish to deprive an officer of the discretionary power due to his command, nor to establish the principle that it is always, and under all circumstances, imperative that two wooden vessels should attack an iron-clad, but the court intends to express its censure upon Commodore CRAVEN's defective judgment on the 24th day of March, 1865, arising from his want of zeal and exertion in not making constant and personal observation of the rebel ram while at Ferrol, and thereby endeavoring to ascertain the truth or falsehood of the received reports of her character.

"The Court intends also to reflect upon the conduct of the accused in remaining quietly at anchor in the Bay of Corunna, while his enemy was parading about in neutral waters, flaunting his flags, &c., when, in the judgment of this Court, it was his duty to have gone out with his two vessels in the same neutral waters, and there to have made observations of her qualities as to speed, rapidity of turning, &c., as well as to have made close inspection of all her vulnerable points. He would then also have been ready to avail himself of any opportunity that might have offered, had his enemy been disposed to have given him battle in the open sea. At all events, he could have kept her in sight and been satisfied of her whereabouts. Neither does the Court find it in evidence that he had formed with his consort any plan of attack should an action have occurred.

And, therefore, the court doth adjudge him guilty, in a degree of the charge preferred, and doth find him guilty of the charge in a less degree than charged.

And the court doth award the following sentence, viz.:

That the accused, Commodore THOMAS T. CRAVEN, be suspended from duty on leave-pay for two years.

Vice-Admiral D. G. FARRAGUT, President.
H. PAULDING, Rear-Admiral.
C. H. DAVIS, Rear-Admiral.
J. A. DAHLGREN, Rear-Admiral.
T. TURNER, Commodore.
JAMES S. PALMER, Commodore.
JOHN A. WINSLOW, Commodore.
S. P. LEE, Captain.
MELANCTHON SMITH, Captain."

This record was transmitted to the Secretary of the Navy, and by him returned to the court, with the following letter:

NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, Dec. 1, 1865.

SIR: The record of the proceedings of the court of which you are President, in the case of Commodore THOMAS T. CRAVEN, is herewith returned for r revision of the finding, which, in the opinion of the department, is in conflict with law, and, if approved, would tend to render the provisions of the law which the accused is charged with violating a "dead latter."

It is well settled that a court-martial may find a prisoner guilty in a less degree than charged, but this is only in cases where there is a kindred nature between the offence charged and the offence found proved—as, for instance, between murder and manslaughter, or between desertion and absence without leave.

In the opinion of the department, the statutory offence with which Commodore CRAVEN is charged embraces, and was designed to embrace, all offences of a kindred nature, in such manner that if the accused is found to have been guilty of any one of these kindred offences on the occasion which was believed to render him chargeable with the capital offence, then he is necessarily guilty of the capital offence; for instance, if his failure to do his utmost arose from negligence, then he is guilty, not simply of negligence, but of the capital offence. So, if his failure arose from drunkenness, cowardice, culpable inefficiency, disobedience of orders, disaffection, &c. Any other recognized construction of the law would leave it in the power of courts-martial to consider the statutory offence as abolished and repealed, or to exist only at their discretion.

"And this construction would also leave it discretionary with courts to depart from the law in another respect, by assuming, in fact, the power to mitigate punishments. I am respectfully, your obedient servant,

"GIDEON WELLES,
"Secretary of the Navy.

"Vice Admiral D. G. FARRAGUT, United States Navy, President Naval General Court-Martial, Washington, D. C.

"Whereupon the Court proceeded to revise its action upon the charge and specification, and after more mature deliberation, doth find the specification of the charge proven, except the words 'as it was his duty to have done,' and doth find the accused, Commodore THOMAS T. CRAVEN, of the charge guilty.

And doth award the following punishment, viz.:

And that the accused, Commodore THOMAS G. CRAVEN, be suspended from duty for two years on leave-pay.

Vice-Admiral D. G. FARRAGUT, President.
H. PAULDING, Rear-Admiral.
C. H. DAVIS, Rear-Admiral.
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MELANCTHON SMITH, Captain.

The importance of this trial, the degree of public attention which it has attracted, the high standing of the members of the court, and the extraordinary result of their deliberations, constrain the department to express its views of the case more at length than is ordinarily necessary.

The offence for which Commodore CRAVEN was tried is one which the law, with a view no doubt to the protection of the public interest and national character in time of war, has included among those to which the penalty of death is attached.

The same law has enjoined it upon courts-martial, "in all cases of conviction, to adjudge a punishment adequate to the character and nature of the offence committed." It leaves it discretionary with a court-martial to recommend the person convicted to clemency; this clemency, however, to be exercised, not by the court, but by the revising power of the President of the United States, who is expressly clothed with the power to mitigate or remit punishment.

In all these provisions the law is clear, precise, and free from ambiguity.

It can hardly require argument to make it plain that a punishment which would be deemed too mild for a trivial offense or misdemeanor—a "nominal punishment"—cannot be adequate punishment for an offense to which the law has attached the penalty of death.

Yet the court, in this case of conviction of a capital offense, has adjudged a punishment which is obviously nothing more than a nominal punishment, if it be even as much. Suspension from duty for two years on "leave pay" is, in itself, nothing more than leave of absence for the same period; and nothing is added to it to give it a semblance of real punishment; not even so much as a reprimand, severe or otherwise, public or private. Such punishment as this no officer could obtain from the Department as a favor.

The Department is, therefore, forced to conclude that in awarding this pretended punishment the court-martial which tried Commodore CRAVEN has disregarded the law.

It may be that the court, or members of it, deemed the law under which the accused was arraigned one of a harsh character, but even admitting that it be so, it is still law, and they were bound by a solemn obligation to administer it as it stands, and not to modify it so that it might accord with their own notions of justice. They had no more authority to do so than to repeal the law.

The final proceedings of the court are inexplicable to the department. If, after finding the accused guilty of a capital offense, they had stated mitigating circumstances as a justification for awarding a light punishment, the department, while considering their course as erroneous and in violation of law, might still have perceived some indication of sufficient motive and consistent action. But instead of pointing to mitigating circumstances, they have prepared and left on record a statement of aggravated circumstances.

In this statement they censure the accused for "his want of zeal and exertion in not making constant and personal observation of the rebel ram while at Ferrol, and thereby endeavoring to ascertain the truth or falsehood of the received reports of her character."

They reflect also upon "the conduct of the accused in remaining quietly at anchor in the Bay of Corunna, while his enemy was parading about in neutral waters, flaunting his flag," &c.

And they say, "neither does the court find it in evidence that he had formed with his consort any plan of attack, should an action have occurred."

Any one of the derelictions of duty here specified, would deserve some greater punishment than leave of absence for two years.

It was the duty of the accused to encounter the *Stonewall*, and, if through negligence or any other fault, he failed in any one particular to do his duty, then he did not do his utmost to capture or destroy the vessel, and is guilty of the charge preferred against him. The court have found him guilty of it; and from the facts which they find proved, it appears that the accused, instead of failing merely in a single particular, failed in many respects—instead of doing his utmost, in fact did nothing, and was wholly and inexcusably derelict. He was therefore not only guilty of the charge, but guilty in the broadest sense, and such guilt calls for adequate punishment.

Such is the necessary inference from what the court find proved. But this inference is destroyed, and the finding guilty contradicted by what the court find not proved.

They say that they find the specification of the charge proved except the words "as it was his duty to have done."

This exception destroys and annihilates the gravamen of the charge. The charge against the accused was, as required by law, specific. It was founded solely upon the assumption that it was the duty of the accused to encounter the *Stonewall* at the time and place specified. If, as the court state, it is not proved that it was his duty to encounter that vessel, then he is not proved guilty of the charge preferred against him, and the court have committed a grave error in finding him guilty of it.

It is, therefore, impossible for the department to gather from the action of the court whether the accused is guilty or not. Their finding on the charge declares him guilty, but their finding on the specification, and the nominal punishment awarded, imply that they considered him not guilty. The incongruous whole has the aspect of an unsuccessful attempt at compromise between those members of the court who believed the accused guilty and others who believed him not guilty.

The whole action of the court unfortunately suggests to officers of the navy an inference which the department, in behalf of the court, must strenuously disclaim for them as not intended, or at least, as not maturely considered. That inference is that the general rule with a commanding officer of the navy should be, "Do not fight if there is a chance of defeat," rather than the converse rule, "Fight if there is a chance of victory."

The principle uniformly inculcated as a rule of naval action has been that it is the first duty of a Commander in war to take great risks for the accomplishment of great ends.

The proceedings of the court are set aside, and Commodore THOMAS T. CRAVEN is hereby relieved from arrest.

GIDEON WELLES,
Secretary of the Navy.

THE CASE OF LIEUT.-COL. MARSTON.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 5, 1865.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 67.—Lieut.-Col. WARD MARSTON, of the United States Marine Corps, was brought to trial before a Naval General Court-Martial, convened at the Navy Department Nov. 1, 1865, upon the following charge and specification:

Charge.—Scandalous conduct, tending to the destruction of good morals.

Specification.—In this: That the said WARD MARSTON, a Lieutenant-Colonel in the United States Marine Corps, having received large sums of money belonging to enlisted men of the Marine Corps, as deposits made with him by them for safe keeping, while he, the said WARD MARSTON, was the commanding officer in charge of the Marine Barracks, Boston, Massachusetts, during the year 1864, did misapply the same to his own use, and when afterwards, on the 23d day of January, 1865, he was directed by the Colonel commandant, JACOB ZEILIN, his superior officer, to turn over the money in his hands and possession so deposited, as above stated, he was unable to account for the sum of eight thousand dollars which he had so received.

To the above charge and specification the accused pleaded "guilty," and the court imposed the following sentence: That the accused, Lieut.-Col. WARD MARSTON, be dismissed from the Marine Corps, and utterly disqualified to have or hold any office or employment in the service of the United States, and to forfeit all pay and endowments now due him."

The record of proceedings in this case having been submitted to the President, he has returned the same to the department, with the following indorsement:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Nov. 20, 1865.

The sentence of the general court-martial in the case of Lieut.-Col. WARD MARSTON, United States Marine Corps, is so far modified that the said Lieut.-Col. WARD MARSTON be reprimanded by the Hon. Secretary of the Navy in general orders; that he be suspended for three years, and that one half of his retired pay be deducted until the whole delinquency is canceled.

The extract from the record already given is the best reprimand which the nature of the case admits of; for if there be any officer in the naval or marine service who is so unmindful of his duty and his honor as to commit the offence to which Lieut.-Col. MARSTON has pleaded guilty, he would not be benefited by any reprimand which the department might administer.

GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Act of the Legislature Concerning Freedmen Annulled by the President.

The Vicksburgh *Herald* of the 4th inst. has the following:

It will be remembered that the Freedman's Bill, recently passed by the Legislature, contains a clause prohibiting freedmen from renting or leasing lands. As soon as information was received in Washington of the passage of the bill, the President ordered it to be disregarded. Gen. HOWARD issued an order to the Superintendent of the Freedmen's Bureau in this State, and the Secretary of War has ordered measures to be taken for the redress of such freedmen as may be arrested for violating the law.

The insertion of such a proviso in the bill by the Legislature was uncalled for and unnecessary. The negroes of this State own no lands, and if they rent, lease or buy, they have to obtain the land from the white citizen. The result of this useless piece of legislation is seen in the State being put in antagonism to the policy of the government just at the time when we need friends at Washington, and would like to make new ones, instead of alienating the only friends we have heretofore met there.

The following is a copy of the dispatch, furnished us from the office of Colonel THOMAS:

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30, 1865.

To Colonel Samuel Thomas:

While the bureau remains in Mississippi, you will continue to protect the freedmen in the right to lease lands. The act of the Legislature referred to in your telegram of the 27th instant, is not recognized here.

By order of Major-General HOWARD.
MAY WOODHULL, A. A. G.

Another dispatch was also received, covering an order from the Secretary of War, directing investigation to be made in all cases where freedmen are arrested for violating the law above referred to, and report the facts to Washington, in order that prompt redress may be afforded.

FROM KANSAS.

The Donner's Station Massacre—Horrible Atrocities Perpetrated by the Indians—Another Attack on the Stage Line.

Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.

LAWRENCE, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

From Hon. W. P. COLWELL, who has just returned from and participated in the recent fight at Donner's Station, in which about eighty Indians attacked one of BUTTERFIELD's coaches and killed six men, I get some additional particulars. Mr. COLWELL was engaged in building stations for the company. The Indians, he informs me, were led by BOB BENT, a son of the celebrated Col. BENT, after whom Bent's Fort was named.

The Indians cut the throat out of one man, after mortally wounding him, took the chin-whiskers out of another, in scalping style, built a slow fire about another man, and burned him to death. The Indians were mostly Cheyennes, with one Arrapahoe and two Sioux chiefs. They were from Powder River, on the way to the Walnut, and were of the gang lately fought by Gen. CONNER. Since the above-named massacre, an attack was made at Black Creek Station, on the Butterfield route. The cattle were driven away, and a Lieutenant was chased eight miles, and was severely wounded.

The United States and Chili.

The Secretary of Treasury issued the following important circular relative to Chilian affairs:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 13.

War having been declared against Spain by the Government of Chili, it is possible that, during the pendency of hostilities, attempts may be made to bring into United States ports prizes taken from one of the parties by the war vessels of the other.

Custom officers will use due diligence to prevent the entrance of such vessels into their respective districts, excepting when, as vessels in distress, they come within the provisions of the 16th section of the act of March 2, 1799, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;" in which case the provisions of that section must be strictly enforced.

Collectors will direct the commanding officers of the revenue-cutters, in their respective districts, to warn all vessels of either belligerent that they may find endeavoring to enter the ports of the United States, with prizes or captures in charge of prize crews, that they are not permitted so to do, except when they seek a port of refuge in distress; and in this case, the Collectors will promptly notify the department of the fact of such arrival, and the circumstances attending the same.

H. McCULLOCH, Secretary of the Treasury.
To Collectors and other officers of the Customs.

KENTUCKY.

Legislative Proceedings—Repeal of the Expatriation Law—Recommendations of Gov. Bramlette.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

LOUISVILLE, Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1865.

The House yesterday, 61 to 33, and the Senate, 30 to 6, voted for the repeal of the Expatriation Law, and the removal of all disabilities created thereby. But the Senate's repeal was conditioned upon all persons who had actively engaged in the rebellion being required to swear allegiance to the United States and the State of Kentucky before the restoration to them of all the rights, privileges and immunities they may have had under the constitution and laws of this State before the passage of said law. A majority of the Senate's Administration men, or "Radicals," voted for its repeal thus conditioned. A majority of the House "Radicals" voted against its unconditional repeal. The House, 42 yeas, 52 nays, voted down Hon. J. F. BELL's amendment requiring all disqualified by that law to duly take an oath to support the constitutions of the United States and Kentucky before the restoration to them of the full and free use and enjoyment of all their former rights and privileges.

Mr. BELL, on the 11th, offered a joint resolution for the rejection of the amendment; and the same day Mr. JAMES WILSON, of Pendleton, and Mr. JOHN A. PRALL, of Bourbon, offered respectively in the House and the Senate a joint resolution for its ratification. I regret to see indications that both branches, if they vote at all about it, will adhere to the most impolitic and deplorable expression of the last Legislature, and again reject said amendment. The Senate, yeas 15, nays 19, rejected Mr. M. M. BENTON's resolution of inquiry as to the propriety of repealing all laws in regard to slavery—wiping out the slave code.

Gov. BRAMLETTE recommends that the Legislature grant a general pardon of all who may stand indicted in the State courts for the crime of treason, based upon acts of levying war committed within this State against the Government of the United States. The Legislature will doubtless grant it. There is evidently no danger of that body's erring on the side of justice. If they err at all in this matter, (as I incline to think they may,) it will be on the side of mercy—a "general jail delivery" and "general amnesty."

Our colored people, in mass meeting, formally "express to ALMIGHTY GOD our warmest thanks and gratitude for his most signal interposition in the freedom of our people, and thank kind heaven for the saviour of his country, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, and the preserver of his country, ANDREW JOHNSON."

PONTIAC.

JAMAICA.

Quiet Once More—Meeting of the Assembly—Various Propositions—Appeals to the Home Government—Basis of the New Constitution.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Wednesday, Dec. 6.

You will see that the intelligence which the *Montezuma* takes from this island is by no means of an exciting nature, though interesting in character. The Assembly have met, and have voted a grant of £50,000 toward liquidating the expenses contingent on the recent rebellion, which are estimated at £1,500 per diem. How this large sum will be met by the impoverished peasantry and the bankrupt planters is yet to be seen. P. A. ASPENT has been sworn in as Custos of St. Thomas in the East, in the stead of the late Baron VON KETELBODT, who was murdered by the rebels, and at his inaugural a feast was made in the very town where the slain lay, and where so many brutal outrages had been committed. The Assembly refused to pass a bill introduced by government, for the supervision and control of all religious services; but an alien law has passed, to prevent aliens interfering in political discussions, and subjecting them to banishment at the dictum of the Governor and Executive Committee. It is likely that the constitution will undergo a change, and that instead of a House of Representatives, the colony will be governed by the planters exclusively. The island is at present peaceful, and the volunteers have been relieved from duty. Mr. VINEN, dentist, a personal friend of G. W. GORDON, who was arrested during the rebellion, has left for Liverpool, in the *Plantagenet*, to lay his grievances before the Colonial Secretary. Several of the political prisoners who were not disposed of during the martial law, were to be tried under civil process, and others, not seriously implicated, were released on bail to keep the peace.

On the information of some people from Marklands, two rebels who took active part in the late rebellion were apprehended in Kingston. These are AUSTIN STEWART and JAMES GORDON, who had taken up arms and in every way aided the rebel chiefs PAUL BOGLE and McLAREN. They were examined by the Police Magistrate, who was quite convinced that there was most indisputable proof of their being concerned in the rebellion, and they were accordingly committed for trial.

The Maroons have refused to accept the sum of £400 offered to them by the Governor for the capture of the bloodthirsty miscreant PAUL BOGLE. The Maroon Captain, quite a youth, has been banqueted in this city. It was he who tripped up BOGLE and held him fast till the others came up and secured the rebel chief. One of these Maroons from Accompang, brought with him to Kingston, on exhibition, a war horn which he had in use during the insurrection of 1832, bearing on it blood stains which it had received during that conflict. They were entertained at the King's house and by the Attorney-General, and on leaving Spanish Town they were escorted by the Volunteer Rifles of St. Catherine, under the command of Maj. HAMILTON. The Attorney-General, in a letter to the *Guardian*, has paid a high tribute to his late friend Baron KETELBODT, whom he has styled a gentleman and a scholar.

Accounts received from the northwest parishes state that not the slightest appearance of disturbance or disaffection is to be seen, that the people were perfectly quiet, and that sugar-making is engaging their attention. It has afforded great satisfaction that martial law has terminated. While necessary as the only measure by which the rebellion could be dealt with, its cessation is equally expedient to restore public anxiety. We have now to secure the tranquillity which has been enforced by all the means we have for the preservation of law and order. It is believed that the Legislature is sufficiently alive to its duty in the great trial through which the country has been passing, and that all loyal citizens will now bethink themselves as to the duties which devolve upon them. Last night the Assembly passed a bill for providing a remedy against the evils that are likely to result from the assembling of any set of men to be drilled in military evolutions, without authority from the Captain-General. This measure was introduced by the Hon. Dr. HAMILTON, of the Legislative Council. The Custos of Clarendon has addressed the peasantry in conciliatory terms. He was one of the oppressors of the negro; indeed, none were more bitter and cruel on the peasantry than Hon. LOUIS McKINNON, who is now quite scared, since the recent outbreak. SIDNEY DEVLIN, the editor of the *County Union*, is still in custody, and it is said he will be imprisoned for life in the General Penitentiary.

The following is the basis of the new constitution, under which the colony will be in future ruled, as above referred to:

1. That there should be one chamber.
2. That such chamber should be composed partly of nominees of the Crown, and partly of members elected.
3. That the elections should be made for counties in equal proportions.
4. That the qualification of members elected, shall be raised.
5. That the franchise shall be raised.
6. That it should be lawful for her Majesty to appoint two commissioners from England to act in lieu of an executive committee, and
7. That no person except one to be nominated by the Governor, should be nominated or elected, who held any office of emolument payable out of the public taxes.

These principles were eventually submitted to a large number of members and acceded to.

The government will introduce amendments to their bill in order to carry out these principles.

Navigation on the Hudson.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Sunday, Dec. 17.

We have experienced a succession of cold days. The *Eagle* says reports from up the river are to the effect that navigation between New-York and Albany is about at an end for the season. At Castleton, yesterday, the river was filled with huge fields of floating ice. The night-boats for New-York passed there at 5 P. M., getting through with difficulty.

The propeller *Beck* reports the ice above as very heavy. The freezing atmosphere to-night will undoubtedly settle the question. The weather is clear,

WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION.

GEORGIA.

Provisional Governor Johnson to the President.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 16.

The President to-day received the following dispatch:

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., Dec. 15.

His Excellency Andrew Johnson, President:

The Legislature takes a recess till the 15th of January, without electing Senators. Gov. JENKINS was inaugurated on yesterday. You will be pleased with his address. I feel confident that there will be entire harmony between him and yourself.

(Signed,) J. JOHNSON, Provisional Governor.

Inauguration of Gov. Jenkins—His Address.

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., Thursday, Dec. 14.

Gov. JENKINS was inaugurated as Governor of this State to-day.

In his address to the Legislature, he says:

"There is no conflict between the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Georgia. The laws of the United States are supreme."

The Governor then pays a handsome tribute to the good conduct of the negroes during the war. He says that they must be thoroughly protected in their personal property and have the right to enter the courts. They should be encouraged to work, and then they would be the best working class and their late owners the best employers in the world.

The Governor then reviews the condition of the State institutions, and says that for a time even the lightest taxes will prove burdensome, but he thinks that in the end the people will not suffer.

He concludes his address with an earnest prayer that "God will help us all."

At the close of the address Provisional Governor JOHNSON handed the great seal of the State of Georgia to Gov. JENKINS, who took the oath of office, and was then declared by the President of the Senate the Governor of the State.

The sentiments of the address are most cordially indorsed by the members of the State Legislature, which adjourns to-morrow.

THE SOUTHWEST.

Arrival of Lieut.-Gen. Scott at New-Orleans—Boiler Explosion and Four Persons Killed—The Louisiana Legislature—Cotton Market.

NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Gen. WINFIELD SCOTT arrived this morning from New-York, on the steamer *McClellan*. A salute was fired in his honor.

The steamer *De Soto*, hence for Pascagoula, exploded her boiler, killing four persons, scalding four others, and wounding the pilot and second engineer.

In the Louisiana Legislature a bill was introduced providing $20,000 for disabled Federal and Confederate soldiers' and citizens' bureau.

The cotton crop in the Parish of Nachitoches, La., amounts to 400 bales all told. In the Terre Bonne Parish the yield of cotton and sugar is very small.

The Galveston cotton market gave way on advice of a decline here and at New-York; holders were unwilling to yield; stock offering is light; middling at 28c., specie, exclusive of revenue tax. Sight Exchange on New-York par @1 ₺ cent. discount. Freights to New-York, 1¼c.@2¼c.; by steamer to Liverpool, 1¼d.

THE MEXICAN BORDER.

Opinions of French Officers at Matamoras—They are Certain of War With the United States—What They will Do in That Case.

NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

An old and estimable citizen of New-Orleans returned from Matamoras a few days ago, who was intimate there with the French officers. He says they fully anticipate war between France and the United States, and they believe that it will commence on the Rio Grande. They already have their plan of campaign mapped out, which anticipates the sudden crossing of United States troops over the Rio Grande on pontoons. They will then abandon Matamoras and the Rio Grande, and fall back on Monterey, which would be held as a strategic point. These officers claim to be thoroughly informed as to all the means the United States have at their disposal here and in Texas for an advance into Mexico.

Vessels Destroyed by Moving Ice—Loss $300,000.

ST. LOUIS, Saturday, Dec. 16.

The ice gorge in the river below the city gave way this afternoon, and the ice swept past the city with tremendous power, sinking or seriously damaging a dozen steamers and a number of barges, involving a loss of about $300,000. The following is a partial list of the steamers sunk: The *Georgia*, valued at $25,000; the *Rosette*, $20,000; the *Calypso*, $35,000; the *Highlander*, heavily laden, $30,000; cargo valued at $25,000, both fully insured; the *Omaha*, valued at $45,000; the *Admiral*, value not ascertained. Besides these steamers, which are a total loss, some half a dozen are badly damaged, and several barges and wharf boats, laden with government grain, were crushed like egg shells. It is not improbable that more boats may be sunk when the ice above the city moves down.

Fire Near Bangor.

BANGOR, Me., Sunday, Dec. 17.

The extensive mill property of RUFUS DWINEL, Esq., at West Great Works Village, Old Town, was entirely destroyed by fire last night. Loss $70,000; insurance $40,000.

OFFICIAL VOTE OF THE STATE.

The Average Union Majority 30,987.

From the Albany Evening Journal, Dec. 15.

The Board of State Canvassers were in session to-day. The following is the result of the canvass:

	Barlow.	Slocum.	Hillhouse.	Robinson.
	300,254	272,763	301,616	271,462
Soldiers vote..........	801	435	812	390
	301,055	273,198	302,428	271,852

Barlow's maj.......27,857. Hillhouse's maj......30,576

	Martindale.	Van Buren.	Howland.	Patrick.
	301,631	270,867	301,514	271,567
Soldiers' vote.........	806	397	731	472
	302,437	271,264	302,245	*272,039

Martindale's maj. ......31,173. Howland's maj....30,206

	Goodsell.	Sweet.	Dorn.	Armstrong.
	301,205	271,929	302,760	270,382
Soldiers' vote.........	796	409	796	408
	302,001	272,338	303,556	270,790

Goodsell's majority, 29,663. Dorn's do. 32,766.

	Barnum.	McNett.	Jones.	Perrin.
	301,131	271,546	300,077	264,997
Soldiers' vote.........	794	411	755	344
	†301,925	271,957	300,832	265,341

Barnum's majority, 29,968. Jones' do., 35,491.

	Hunt.	Brown.	Porter.	Grover.
	299,096	269,063	299,496	268,160
Soldiers' vote.........	736	334	727	324
	299,832	269,397	300,223	268,484

Hunt's maj., 30,435. Porter's do., 31,739.

For Act to create debt........................392,113
Against Act........................48,655
Majority for........................343,458
Average Union majority, 30,987.

* Of this aggregate, in King's County, Marsena A. Patrick received........18,507
In Sullivan County, Massena A. Patrick.............2,758
† Henry R. Barnum received 2,467 in Sullivan, which is included above.

Terrible Accident in Lansingburgh.

From the Albany Evening Journal, Dec. 15.

At ten minutes before 7 o'clock this morning, the immense boiler in the brush manufactory of JOHN G. McMURRAY & Co., on the corner of John and Richard streets, exploded with terrible effect, instantly killing the engineer, blowing the building in which it was located to atoms, and scattering the fragments in every direction.

The building in which the boiler stood was of four stories brick, on John-street; the engine-room being in the basement. Adjoining this was another wing in the form of an L, running toward an alley. These buildings were full of machinery and stock. They were completely wrecked—solid timbers being broken like pipe-stems, bricks hurled through the air as if vomited from a volcano, and the tin roofs covering the structure turned and rolled up like parchment, and thrown into the adjacent streets.

North of the factory proper was a wooden building, three stories high, owned by the firm, and used for women and girls employed in drawing brushes. This was also entirely demolished.

Opposite, on John-street, a line of buildings known as "Abram's Row," suffered very severely; every pane of glass in the windows being broken, the doors smashed, and pieces of the boiler or of the ruins, driven like projectiles from artillery, into the sides of the structure at various points.

Pieces of the boiler and broken bricks were picked up at a distance of two or three blocks from the scene of the explosion.

Remarkable to relate, only one person was killed. This was the engineer, Mr. WARD. He had been for a long time in the employ of the firm, and was considered thoroughly skillful and reliable. His body was literally torn to fragments—head, legs and arms torn from the trunk and scattered in different directions. The only theory which can be formed with reference to the disaster, is that it resulted from his inattention. It is said that a piece of blanket was wrapped around part of the body when found—which would indicate that after making his fire he had laid down to sleep.

The whistles of the other village factories were blowing at the time the explosion occurred. In fifteen minutes more over three hundred men, women, girls and boys would have been at work in the different buildings that are now a mass of shapeless ruins.

The pecuniary loss to Messrs. McMURRAY & Co., cannot be less than $25,000.

SCIENTIFIC.

NAVAL ENGINEERING. NO. II.

The Report of the Congressional Committee of the last Congress, on the Steam Engineering of the Navy.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The readers of the TIMES will remember that the House of Representatives of the last Congress directed the Committee on Naval Affairs to investigate whether, in the construction of engines planned by the Chief of Steam Bureau, established principles had been departed from, and whether the inadequate speed of the vessels with this machinery was caused by such differences.

This is the effect of that portion of this resolution, which relates to the efficacy of naval engines; the rest merely refers to the engines of the *Pensacola*, planned by Mr. DICKERSON, and, of course, only interesting to those immediately concerned.

As the members of this committee were neither engineers or mechanical experts, they could not, of course, make this report without the use of a large quantity of data, and the examination of professional witnesses. Now the data on which the committee founded their report, "triumphantly sustaining the character and practice of the Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering," (as he himself expresses it,) was obtained from the Chief of the Bureau himself; this data is now known to be deceitful, having been cleverly arranged to throw snuff in the eyes of the gentlemen of the committee; and as most of the "experts" examined were either dependent contractors or their employes, and engineers who Mr. ISHERWOOD, from his position, had the power to annoy and pester till life in the service is a burden, it cannot be a matter for surprise that the report is neither more nor less than a whitewashing, as we will presently show, of the bad practice of the Chief of the Steam Bureau.

Far be it from us to impugn the integrity, in the slightest degree, of the honorable gentlemen who composed this committee; for the erroneous data obtained from the office of the Chief Engineer of the United States Navy, and the evidence furnished by the dependent witnesses examined, justifies the report. Indeed, no person not thoroughly posted on the subject, and practically acquainted with the performance and bad proportions of Mr. ISHERWOOD's machinery, could peruse this report without being convinced that this gentleman had been greatly misrepresented, and that his practice was perfection.

With respect to the origin of the resolution, the committee admit, in the opening of the report, that it was chiefly due to assaults made on the steam engineering of the Navy Department by Mr. DICKERSON; and Mr. ISHERWOOD, it seems, has so dexterously managed, that the mistakes of this gentleman appear to prove to the community at large his own proportions, designs and practice to be as near perfection as possible. But it is difficult to comprehend how the errors of one engineer can sustain another engineer in planning engines totally at variance with all marine engine builders at home and abroad; for example, such eminent firms as MAUDSLAY & SONS, PENN & SONS, ROWAN & CO., RAVENHILL & CO., RANDOLPH, ELDER & CO., R. NAPIER, TOD & MACGREGOR, R. DUDGEON & CO., HUMPHRYS & TENNANT, of England; and in this country, the Novelty Works, Allaire Works, Etna Works, Morgan Works, Delamater Works, of New-York; MERRICKS & BARTOL and J. H. TOWNE, of Philadelphia; WOODRUFF & BEACH, of Hartford, Conn.; the Atlantic Works, City Point Iron Works, and Globe Works, of Boston—except when they build engines for the United States Navy, in accordance with Mr. ISHERWOOD's designs and erroneous hypotheses.

Before proceeding to speak of the facts with regard to the "expert" evidence and data contained in this report, a summary of Mr. ISHERWOOD's deviations from the best and most successful practice will notbe amiss, as it will enable those who have not given the subject attention to comprehend the matter. Mr. ISHERWOOD's errors come under two heads.

First—While he supplied most of the naval vessels, the machinery of which has been proportioned by him (and which includes nearly the entire wooden screw propeller fleet) with very capacious boilers, capable of making immense quantities of steam, he has supplied them with steam cylinders—which is the principal organ of an engine—so very small, that they cannot work off at any safe pressure, even when permitting the steam to follow the piston during nearly the whole stroke, the great quantities the boilers can supply. The reason why Mr. ISHERWOOD has thus departed from the best practice by the most eminent engineers and steam engine manufacturers throughout the world, it is almost unnecessary to say, is, because he has attempted to carry out in the National vessels the fallacious results deduced by him from the notorious "Erie Expansion Experiments," which results are, as he expresses it in his report, that "if the point of cut off be lessened to four forty-fifths of the stroke, the loss of the economy of fuel alone reaches the enormous amount of 44 per centum of the cost of the power when cutting off at seven-tenths;" or, in other words the most economical point at which to suppress the admission of steam into the cylinder, was after the piston had completed seven-tenths of its stroke, which cannot be called working steam expansively, as he himself admits. Now, when the boilers are new, it is possible they may carry with safety the extraordinary pressure for sea-going purposes of forty pounds per square inch, and by cutting off, as above mentioned, at seven-tenths, work off the steam the boiler will generate when urged; but even then the steam is literally wasted, being poured into the condenser at a high pressure, instead of being properly expanded—because the cylinder is too small—and work thus got out of it which costs nothing. But when the boilers become worn, they can no longer with safety carry high pressure steam; hence the maximum speed of the vessels becomes very low, and their efficiency as war vessels seriously impaired.

On this point the London *Engineer*, the ablest engineering journal in the language, pithily remarks: "That the naval department of a nation claiming for itself the sovereignty of the seas should quietly trample under foot all the teachings of science in the construction of the machinery of its fleets, simply because one engineer chooses to express his total disbelief in the economical results obtained from marine engines elsewhere, has for some time been matter for wonder." This remark the *Engineer* made after closely examining Mr. ISHERWOOD's Erie experiments contained in his large work, and analyzing the performance of several of the national vessels engined according to his theory.

With respect to the valve gear used by Mr. ISHERWOOD, "the link motion," much space in the report is occupied in proving that this ancient and reliable device is used in other navies, and in the merchant marine; but it fails to show that in the *Chippewa* (23 of these,) and in the *Juniata* classes, (10 of these,) built by ISHERWOOD, a good thing has been spoiled from want of practical knowledge. Neither the French or English ever use this gear for propeller engines (unless on a very small scale) with the view of using it as a cut-off—*i. e.*, without an independent cut-off valve—unless in combination with a "double ported valve," while Mr. ISHERWOOD has used it with the "single port." The difference in the two methods is the difference between right and wrong. This defect, when properly considered, goes far to account for the inferior performance of these engines.

The idea conveyed by this report that the valve gear—*i. e.*, valves and attachments used by Mr. ISHERWOOD in these vessels—is the same as employed in the English navy, is therefore untrue. The best gear in the world can be botched by bad design, and it is well known that it was a long time before several of these vessels could be made to go on account of radical defects in the main valves, and had not a patentee come along with a method of putting rollers under slide valves a large portion of these engines would have had to be reconstructed.

Second—Mr. ISHERWOOD has planned the details of the naval engines so utterly out of proportion, and so directly in opposition to the most successful practice and sound knowledge of the strength of materials, that the excessive friction and the power absorbed in jerking back and forth Mr. ISHERWOOD's superfluous polished iron and brass is so great that it is impossible to drive the engines within twenty revolutions of the speed he anticipated. (See his printed specifications.) The *Juniata* engines, even when running at 60 turns, are in a chronic state of heat, and have to be plentifully lubricated with salt water; this we know from actual experience. They are considered, by those who have had charge of them, to be doing remarkably well when they make 60 revolutions per minute, and 60 revolutions will drive these vessels in smooth water less than 10 knots, the most miserable result on record when the great boiler power and good models of the vessels is considered.

As an example of Mr. ISHERWOOD's blundering proportions we will cite the following well known instance: The *Monongahela* (*Juniata* class of engine by ISHERWOOD) has two forty-two inch cylinders by thirty inches length of stroke. The *Wyoming* (by MERRICK & BARTOL) has two fifty-inch cylinders by thirty inches length of stroke. Assuming that the *Wyoming* has twenty-five pounds steam pressure per square inch on her pistons, and the *Monongahela* thirty-five pounds, which is about the maximum carried, the strain put on the engines of the former is *five thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight pounds greater than on the latter*, yet the chief of the Steam Bureau has put into the *Monongahela* and class seventy-eight per cent. more cast iron, sixty-eight and one-half per cent. more wrought iron, one hundred and seven per cent. more brass, and sixty per cent. more weight in the reciprocating parts, than the *Wyoming* engine, which is one of the most perfect in the naval service, far ahead of any of Mr. ISHERWOOD's both in skill of design and excellence of performance. This may be taken as a standard of Mr. ISHERWOOD's knowledge of construction; it shows at a glance his ignorance of the principles of design.

In the words of the committee, "So grave a suggestion as, that while the nation is waging one of the most gigantic wars of all history it was so far departing from the acknowledged principles of science and of good practice in the construction of its navy as to result in disgraceful failure, was calculated to excite the attention and solicitude of the government, and to fill the public mind with apprehension and distrust." Yet that "it was departing from the acknowledged principles of science," and on the *ipse dixit* of one man, is simply the truth. The report says: "It appears from the evidence brought to the attention of the committee, that the Navy Department has availed itself of the results of experiments made by boards and commissions of its own appointment, from time to time, upon topics both of theoretical and practical interest and value in this branch of labor." Now, the only experiments of which the department has availed itself are the "Erie Expansion Experiments," conducted by Mr. ISHERWOOD himself, and the results of which are simply food for ridicule in the scientific journals throughout the world, as can be easily seen by referring to them.

These observations will be continued in another article, in which the evidence given before this committee will be analyzed.

ENGINEER.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

CITY NUISANCES.

The Slaughter-Houses of New-York.

Of all the offences against public health and decency which are perpetrated in this great city, there is none more gross and abominable, more pregnant with deadly and debasing consequences, than the maintenance, within the city proper, of those establishments, which nearly every other city on this continent has pronounced noisome and doomed to banishment, viz., the slaughter houses. For it is not alone the particular abuse of privilege consisting in the simple existence of these places, with the coexistent knowledge on the part of children and others of what is carried on there, and the numerous retinue of evils in the shape of miasmatic odors, universal and unexceptional filthiness in the vicinity of each, and the sights and sounds emanating therefrom, that are open to criticism and that invite the attention of every respectable citizen, because coupled with this great and crying evil are the manifold minor evils inseparable from the main one, and forming a series of disgusting facts in the hideous system of which we write.

We are not uninformed that these things have been commented upon by the public press. Again and again has the great fraternity of abominations—and which this of the slaughter houses is but one—been held up to execration by this and by several other of the leading papers. Undoubtedly the tendency of such publications has been to check the evils complained of; but so long as the system prevails, entire reform cannot be looked or hoped for, as the result of any amount or degree of newspaper criticism. It is therefore against this colossal system of abuse that we would direct public sentiment, and urge public action—a system fraught with the dangers and incongenialities before-mentioned, and with the driving of cattle and other animals through densely crowded streets at all hours, and frequently not only in the most repulsive and indecent condition, but also to the great jeopardy of human life; with the carting, in immense quantities, of every species of offal and mephitic matter produced by the slaughtering process; with the brutal and barbarous transportation of lambs, calves and small animals from ferry-boats and other landings, through the city, in every direction, with the sufferings of those dumb beasts shamefully advertised; with the maintenance of immense piggeries and other unclean receptacles for animal viscera; with tripe-boiling effluvia; with the sickening odors from the glue-making and fat-rendering establishments; and with the thousand and one other concomitants of the iniquitous scheme we expose, all indecorous, all brutalizing, all eminently fit for legislative enactments to involve prompt, vigorous reproof, and perhaps the eradication of the whole monstrous plan and its dependencies. Let us look at some of the details.

There are, to-day, in the city, not far from one hundred and seventy-five slaughtering establishments, interspersed variously through the central and northern portion of the town, but most numerous, perhaps, on the eastern borders, above Grand-street. We propose to regale our readers with a statement of facts concerning a sample of these places. There is located on the Second-avenue, not very far from that thoroughfare of trade, the Bowery, a series of wooden shanties, erected on a lot of ground about 175 by 125 feet, the floors standing about three feet above the level of the sidewalk, which last is composed of cobble stones, bricks and slabs of stone indifferently set. The blood and slime which flows upon this walk from the fountain-head of corruption beneath the buildings mentioned, is such as to render the traveling most precarious, the passer-by invariably slipping and sliding in the foul compound which floods the way, while from thirty to fifty carts and wagons usually stand backed against the curb. In the Summer, when these vehicles are tipped up at night, a part of the straw which is usually carried in butcher's carts falls into the gutter, choking it up, the result being that the blood, &c., which runs across the walk into the gutter is stopped in its flow, standing in pools, and emitting the most noxious and abominable odors. This process being repeated day after day, of course the accumulation of this dreadful mass soon becomes very great. The shambles spoken of are each about twenty-five feet square. The parts of these buildings nearest the street are hung with the quarters and sides of beeves, while the portions next the court-yard are devoted to the skinning and dressing of the quivering animals, in many cases still struggling in their final agonies. Numerous degraded men, and even women, are ordinarily to be seen about the doors of these shambles, buying and haggling for the viscera of slaughtered animals; and frequently the competition is so brisk in this business, that the hearts and livers of cattle are already negotiated for, before the cattle themselves are knocked down. This scene is sufficiently dreadful; but we must give a glance at the adjacent yard, where the living animals are confined and where the killing takes place. An ox is driven forward, and a noose is thrown around his hind legs and drawn tight. By means of a windlass the animal is instantly suspended in the air with his head nearly touching the floor. A butcher seizes him by the horns, pulling the head back, and another draws a long knife, sharp as a razor, across the throat, nearly severing the head from the body. The carcass hangs a moment, and is then dragged into one of the rooms first alluded to, and in an incredibly short time from the passing of the noose the creature is skinned, cleaned, quartered and ready for sale to the retailers. The pen is disgusting in the extreme. Portions of animal remains, straw, excrements, filth of almost every description, all mingled into a hideous mass, form the underlying strata of great depth, and continually, at all seasons, exude a pestilential stench. It is impossible adequately to describe this place of horrors. The moans of the poor brutes can be distinctly heard for a long distance, and the whole affair is pitiable in one aspect and utterly disgraceful in all. On the establishment we describe there are nearly one hundred men employed.

The foregoing description, in its general bearings, is not very inapplicable to the entire category of slaughter-houses—that they are frightful blemishers on the civilization of the chief American city, and plaque spots on creation.

And now, recognizing the principle that the true reformer is he who pulls down old institutions that there may be erected on the remains thereof a better structure, we do not propose to dismiss the subject now being considered, without indicating the remedy for its multifarious ills. It is not against the persons in the system, but the system itself, that we bring our bill of indictment. What is needed, is, an edict from the Legislature, making the further maintainance of slaughter-houses in the city, a felony, and providing for the erection of public institutions for the purpose, in the outskirts. No argument is required to show the imperative need of such a change. This fact was recognized in England years ago, and public slaughter-houses are now in operation in the suburbs of nearly all the principal towns. The attention of the French government was called to the subject in 1810, when NAPOLEON issued a decree suppressing the slaughter-houses then in Paris, and directing the erection of *abattoirs* in the outskirts of every municipality containing more than 10,000 inhabitants. This decree was opposed by the butchers, who suspected they were to be subjected to great inconvenience, but it is stated on the best authority that these people would, as they now feel, be the first to oppose its abrogation.

These French slaughter-houses are models of their kind; and a description, in a few sentences, shall conclude our article:

"They are large airy buildings, laid out with stables, lofts, and slaughtering halls, plentifully provided with light, air, and water, with granaries, hospitals and rendering-houses, where the fat can be boiled down, and the offal be disposed of, the whole being under the superintendence of a person jointly appointed by the Prefect and the Council of Butchers, who are held responsible for the health of the cattle brought into the establishment and their disposal. The cattle are fed and watered for twenty-four hours before being slaughtered,—a very necessary provision; and so perfect is the working of the establishment that scarcely an atom goes to waste. One court is devoted to the storage of the hides, another to the hoofs and horns, and still another to the offal, all of which are either purchased at the market price by the Superintendent, and sold over again to the glue and isinglass factories, to the tanners, or to the tripe and sausage-makers, or directly handed over to the owner of the cattle in payment of a small fee based on the actual cost of the establishment, which is nearly self-supporting. The meat from it goes to market in a clean, healthy state; the town is not subjected to the annoyance and danger resulting from the presence of the droves of cattle and swine continually driven into it; and a still further consideration, the dangerous, miasmatic pool of blood and offal always to be found in the neighborhood of some slaughter-houses in a city, is effectually done away with."

BILLIARDS.

A Fine New Establishment—The Championship of America—Goldthwait's Challenge—State Tournaments, &c.

A striking evidence of the great popularity, as well as the general interest felt in the healthful and amusing pastime—the game of billiards—has just been demonstrated, in the opening of the new halls of Mr. P. D. KILLDUFF, at the corner of Broadway and Twenty-second-street, in this city. This establishment, which covers a space of one hundred and five feet on Broadway, by seventy-five feet deep, and three stories high, has been erected since May last, the building and fittings of the billiard rooms involving an expenditure of about ninety thousand dollars. The main apartment occupies the whole of the second story, and owing to the roof being supported by bridge timbers, this great space is clear of pillar and post of every kind. It is lighted by twenty-six windows, reaching from floor to ceiling, in daytime, and by seventy-six gas-burners at night. This room is furnished with Brussels carpet, and walnut cabinet ware, while the floor is occupied by seventeen of PHELAN & COLLENDER's best constructed, carved-legged, second sized billiard tables, and, when observed, as we saw it at the opening on Saturday evening, presents a *tout ensemble* truly brilliant. There are several other rooms in the third story, which are yet in the course of preparation.

On Thursday evening last, about 500 persons, half of them ladies, and representing some of our first families, by the special invitation of the proprietor, assembled in the elegant parlor, and after admiring the superb arrangements, were entertained by games between Messrs. PHELAN, McDEVITT and CARME, and some of the wonderful and more expert exhibition shots of the latter. The playing on this occasion was more than usually excellent, more especially the game of 300 points up, push shot omitted, between Messrs. PHELAN and CARME, the former playing with all the gallant dash and superb execution of his younger days, and the latter conquering him by only one point in the score.

It seems now to be pretty generally understood that, owing to his abomination of the odious push shot, which he significantly styles "baby billiards," Mr. CARME has determined to pay forfeit to JOHN DEERY, in their already commenced match for the championship, which was to have taken place at Washington early next month. It has also been decided that, by his having failed to deposit the usual forfeit, MELVIN FOSTER is not entitled to contest for the honors at the present time; thus, the next, or ninth match, and seventh contest for the American championship, is between the present holder of the cue, JOHN DEERY, of Washington, and JOHN McDEVITT, of New-York, formerly of Indiana. During a meeting between these parties, a few days since, the former expressed his determination of availing himself of the "four-months' rule." The latter demurring to this, it was eventually mutually agreed that the match should be played, in the City of Washington, D. C., on the second Thursday in April next. It will be remembered that after GOLDTHWAIT's defeat by McDEVITT, at Cincinnati, on the 31st of May last, that talented billiardist withdrew his challenge to play any man in America, and retired to rusticate. He has recently resumed the active duties of his profession, and is now proprietor of a fine billiard-room in Boston. One of his first acts on returning to business was to issue the following:

> BOSTON, Dec. 9, No. 4 Green, cor. Chardon-street.
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> I hereby challenge JOHN McDEVITT, of New-York City, to play me three matches at billiards. *First*—The American four-ball carom game, 1,500 points up, according to the rules of the American Billiard Congress. *Second*—American carom game, push-shot omitted, 1,500 points up, on a four-pocket standard table, 2⅜ balls. *Third*—French carom, 300 up, on a four-pocket standard table, 2⅝ inch balls, for $1,000 a side each match. First match to come off in thirty days from time of acceptance; second in sixty days, third in ninety days. To toss for choice to see which match shall be played first, and in which city. Before the first is played, $2,000 shall be deposited in the stakeholder's hands to make good for the other two matches, play or pay. In case McDEVITT will not accept the three matches, I will play him any two of them. This remains open four months from date.
>
> WM. GOLDTHWAIT.

It is said that McDEVITT will pay no attention to this "defi," but rather direct his efforts to the full development of his business venture in this city and to preparing himself for his coming test for the championship. But should GOLDTHWAIT really desire to play, were he only to make his challenge general in regard to person, more than one individual stands ready to meet him.

The tournament for the championship of Maryland, came off during the week just closed, at the Front-street Theatre, Baltimore. There were five contestants. Mr. WILLIAM T. GLESSNER, having won the greatest number of games, carried off the highest honors. Among the celebrated experts, who were present and assisted at the exhibitions, were Messrs. JOHN DEERY, champion of America; M. PHELAN, J. McDEVITT, CARME, PALMER, and others.

Superbly mounted cues for the best players in the State were prepared some time since, and the tournament to decide the championship will commence at Norfolk, Va., to-morrow evening. It will be attended by, among many other leading players, Messrs. CARME and PHELAN. On the conclusion of this affair, these gentlemen will extend their visit to Richmond; and on their return expect to spend a few days at each of the cities of Washington, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. They propose being absent about a month.

PHILIP TIEMAN, a general favorite among the billiard public, has recently been confined to his residence, in Cincinnati, by his old enemy, rheumatism. By the advice of his physician, he has determined to visit Europe early in the coming Spring.

There is no truth in the late report that a home-and-home match was being arranged between KAVANAGH and JOSEPH DION. Of course, DION's challenge to play KAVANAGH, or any other man, three matches—one each—at the American, English, and French games, on the standard American table, remains open. As a successful, skilful, and iron-nerved demonstrator of billiards, DUDLEY KAVANAGH stands second to no man living.

Ralph Waldo Emerson on Resources.

On Saturday evening, at the Brooklyn Atheneum, this eminent lecturer delivered an address on "Resources"—the second lecture of the course on "American Life." As on the preceding evening, the hall was crowded. The first portion of the lecture was devoted to analyses of the physical resources of this country, as illustrated in the development of her great mineral, agricultural and manufacturing wealth, and its influence on American character; the second, to the great mental resources opened up to the student in all these; the unnumbered avenues which nature offered, in which the thinker might walk with pleasure and with profit; the food for the poet and the painter, as for the historian, in the onward march of a great nation, and in the struggles on the way.

The lecture throughout was of a most inspiring nature, from the hearing of which the listener rose refreshed, and more eager for the work before him, whether a life of mental or of physical labor, or of both.

The third and last lecture of the course will be delivered at the Atheneum on Tuesday evening. Subject—"Books and Culture."

POLICE COURTS.

Essex Market—Before Justice Shandley.

A STABBING CASE.

JOHN MALONEY, No. 27 Scammel-street, and PATRICK RILEY, became engaged in a quarrel Saturday, in Water-street, and as is usual hot words led to heavy blows, when RILEY stabbed his opponent with a knife in the neck and abdomen, inflicting painful but not dangerous wounds. Officer LEONARD, of the Seventeenth Precinct, passed the two beligerents shortly after, when RILEY requested the officer to arrest MALONEY for striking him. The officer complied, and on appearing before the Justice, RILEY concluded he would make no complaint. Justice SHANDLEY was about dismissing the case when he noticed MALONEY had his neck bandaged. Making further inquiries he found that MALONEY had been stabbed, when a change came over the scene, and the man who was brought in as prisoner became complainant, and RILEY, to his great surprise, found himself committed for trial in default of $500 bail.

QUEER CASE.

CHARLES STEINFELD, who keeps a liquor-store at No. 512 Grand-street, made a charge against JOSEPH QUIGG and WM. FITZGERALD, for robbery and intimidation. Officer WALKER, of the Thirteenth Precinct, made the arrest, and the prisoners were brought before Justice SHANDLEY for examination. The complainant's statement was that the accused and two others came into his place on Saturday night, a few minutes before midnight, and one of the party called for drinks. Some disturbance arose subsequently, when FITZGERALD handed QUIGG a loaded pistol, and the latter presented the weapon at Mr. STEINFELD's head, demanding $1 50. STEINFELD becoming alarmed, and being convinced that QUIGG was in earnest, paid the sum demanded, when the entire crowd left the establishment. The defence of the accused was that the complainant owed QUIGG the amount demanded; but their statement did not prevent them from being held for examination in $1,000 bail each. Ex-Alderman ED. C. MCCONNELL became their surety. QUIGG is 31 years of age, and resides at No. 44 Avenue D. FITZGERALD is 37, and lives at No. 3 Lewis-street—both are natives of this city.

A CRUEL HUSBAND.

JOHN HERBSH, a tailor, quarreled with his wife MARGARET at midnight on Saturday, at their residence, No. 218 East Eleventh-street, and JOHN, becoming unduly excited, threw a pair of shears at MARGARET. The points of the shears entered the woman's side, inflicting a severe though not fatal wound. The husband was arrested by Officer RYAN, of the Eleventh Precinct, and on the case coming up before the court, the physician, Dr. PFEIFFER, who is in attendance upon Mrs. HERBSH, stated that she was so weak from the loss of blood and excitement consequent upon the affair that she would be unable to appear to prefer the charge for a day or so. The prisoner was therefore committed for examination.

Jefferson Market—Before Justice Dodge.

ASSAULT WITH A RAZOR.

GEO. FREEMAN, a colored man, residing at No. 59 Thompson-street, made a complaint against JEFFERSON ELLIS, also colored, and who lives in the same house with complainant, for an assault with a razor, and ELLIS was arrested by Officer FENTON, of the Eighth Precinct. It appears that the men quarreled, and the argument reaching its climax, the prisoner drew a razor from his pocket, and slashed FREEMAN's back in several places, cutting him severely. ELLIS is 20 years of age, and was born in Dutchess County, N. Y. He was committed for trial in default of $1,500. He had "nothing to say" in extenuation of his crime.

A VIGILANT POLICEMAN.

As Officer DONCORT, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, was patrolling his beat, at an early hour yesterday morning, he saw a man suddenly disappear down the coal-hole leading into the cellar of the premises occupied by Mr. WM. S. BLODGETT, No. 27 West Twenty-fifth-street. The officer immediately alarmed the inmates, when Mr. BLODGETT accompanied the patrolman in his search of the premises. They found a man cowering in a dark corner of the cellar, who proved, on examination, to be one RENE GUEST, a Frenchman, formerly employed by Mr. BLODGETT as a waiter. On complaint of attempt at burglary being made by Mr. BLODGETT, the prisoner was committed for trial in default of $3,000 bail.

A DANGEROUS AMUSEMENT.

HENRY VAUGHAN, a member of the Metropolitan Detective Squad, at No. 300 Mulberry-street, charged ALEXANDER J. HANSON with having personated a detective officer, and caused his arrest for the offence. It appears that HANSON dressed himself in a blue coat, with brass buttons, similar to the uniform of the Metropolitan Police, and attempted to arrest one JAMES PETRIE, or ROBINSON, of No. 65 Wooster-street, for some alleged offence. It is supposed that the attempt was made to extort money. The prisoner was committed for examination.

NOT GUILTY.

In yesterday's TIMES mention was made of a case of robbery, in which a hackman was implicated. It will be remembered that Mr. JOSIAH CAULDWELL, a resident of Boston, stopping at the Brevoort House, caused the arrest of JOSEPH RENVILLE, a hackman, by Officer McDONALD, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, on a charge of having, on the 14th inst., stolen a leather traveling-bag containing a number of shirts and other wearing apparel, valued at $50, and a costly single-stone diamond ring, valued at $1,250, while conveying him from the New-Haven depot to the hotel. It now appears that RENVILLE was totally unconscious of the presence of the traveling bag. Subsequently to the conveyance of Mr. CAULDWELL to his hotel, RENVILLE was hailed by a gentleman and lady, who entered his vehicle and were carried home. The gentleman found the bag in the hack and carried it with him, intending to make search for the owner. Pending the examination, search was made and the property thus discovered. RENVILLE being wholly guiltless was discharged from custody yesterday morning.

The Tombs—Before Justice Hogan.

ALLEGED FORGERY.

On Saturday a rather queer case came up before Justice HOGAN for investigation. The facts are as follows: On the 4th of August Mr. CHARLES E. AIKENS, who is said to have been a rebel officer, while promenading the Bowery, had his pocket picked of one hundred dollars in greenbacks, and a bill of exchange for £108 and some odd shillings sterling, drawn by JOSE SAN ROMAN, of Matamoras, Mexico, payable sixty days after sight to the order of CHARLES E. AIKENS, on Messrs. F. LE LIZERDI & Co., London, England, and dated Matamoras, July 13, 1865. Mr. AIKENS made unsuccessful search for the bill and despaired of ever seeing it again.

It now appears, from the testimony of Mr. JOSEPH HERZFELD, of the firm of HALLGARTEN & HERZFELD, No. 28 Broad-street, that four days after the robbery WM. FARLEY, or VARLEY, but more generally known as "Reddy, the Blacksmith," and a man, yet unknown, called on him, when "Reddy" made representations that the stranger was an Ex-Captain in the rebel army, and that his name was AIKENS. The object of their visit was to have a bill of exchange cashed, the description of which tallied exactly with the one stolen. After some conversation Mr. HERZFELD declined cashing the bill, as the strange man had not sufficiently identified himself. "Reddy" became desperate at this phase of the affair, and informed the reluctant banker that he could identify the man, giving his residence and business. Upon these representations, Mr. HERZFELD paid to the pretended AIKENS $492 91 in gold, both the conspirators indorsing the bill in the usual manner. So far, the affair seemed all right. The holders of the bill, however, forwarded it to London for payment, but previous to its arrival, Messrs. LE LIZERDI had been informed of the loss by Capt. AIKENS, requesting a stoppage of payment in case of its being presented. Of course, his request was complied with, and the draft was accordingly returned to the New-York bankers. The real owner of the bill made oath to the facts in the case, whereupon "Reddy" was arrested by Detective DOYLE, of the First Precinct, and committed for trial in $1,000 bail, to answer to the charge of forgery. His accomplice is still undiscovered. FARLEY, the prisoner, is a liquor-dealer at No. 7 Chatham-square, and 31 years of age.

A RIVER THIEF.

Officer STILLWELL, of the Second Precinct, arrested JOHN SHEA, a truck-driver, residing at No. 277 Spring-street, on a charge of having stolen a quantity of pig copper, valued at $60, from off the schooner *Caroline & Cornelia*, lying at Pier No. 22, E. R. On being arrested, SHEA confessed to Capt. DAVIS, of the vessel, that he took the metal, and he was committed for trial, in default of $500 bail.

Fourth District Court—Before Justice Connolly.

A BOLD OPERATOR.

ROBERT H. STEVENS, who gave his age as 26, and his occupation that of a molder, was arrested by Officer CONLEY, of the Twenty-third Precinct, on Saturday, charged with having picked the pocket of Mrs. ELIZABETH KRUEGER, residing at Morrisania, Westchester County, of a portemonnaie, containing $552. The examination into the case proved the operation to be a very bold one. Mrs. KRUEGER was proceeding homeward in a Third-avenue car, and the prisoner was seated by her side. When the car was nearing Eighty-sixth-street, Mrs. STEWART, who resides in Eighty-sixth-street, sitting on the opposite side of the car, saw STEVENS pick the lady's pocket, but was so confounded by the boldness of the act that she was unable to give the alarm before the thief jumped from the car, which he did at the corner of Eighty-sixth-street and Third-avenue. As soon as the conductor of the car, ANDREW TURNER, learned the fact, he gave chase to the fellow, and succeeded in catching him. While endeavoring to escape, the accused threw away the pocket-book, and it was picked up by a man named CLARK, who gave it to the officer making the arrest. The prisoner was committed for examination.

Spiritualism Unveiled.

THE DAVENPORTS' TRICKS ILLUSTRATED BY MR. H. M. FAY.

At Cooper Institute, Saturday evening, Mr. H. M. FAY, recently agent for the DAVENPORT Brothers, entertained about 200 persons by performing the DAVENPORT Brothers' feats; first under the conditions which the brothers demand—that is, that they be inclosed in a cabinet, concealed from the audience—and next in open view of the house. The initial experiments were identically those which the DAVENPORTS made here last Summer, and which they have repeated in the capitals of Europe. Messrs. GILBERT, of No. 293 West Nineteenth-street, and BATTIN, of Newark, N. J., were the committee whom the audience appointed to represent them on the stage, and Mrs. FAY, wife of the "medium" aided the committee in their duties. The "spiritual manifestations" occupied an hour and a quarter, and were, in every particular, as marvelous as any spook might desire. The exposé was commenced at 9:20, and at the beginning Mr. FAY counseled the spectators if in anybody's darkend parlor, they should undertake to repeat his trick, to keep a sharp lookout for matches, as some person might strike a light. He then tied himself by a peculiar twist of the hand, and sat before the house apparently securely fastened at 9:22. Then, dexterously untwisting the rope, he freed his hands and performed on drum, trumpet and fiddle. Next the flour test was exposed. Mr. FAY was tied and flour was placed in his hands. He quietly again untwisted the peculiar knot, tossed the flour from the right hand, drew a white handkerchief from his pantaloons pocket, wiped the hand, and exhibited it clean at the window; then, tossing the rope aside altogether, he took one-half of the flour from the left hand, and, of course, had flour in both hands. After exposing others of the DAVENPORTS' deceptions, Mr. FAY informed his hearers that he entered the jugglery business under the DAVENPORTS with the design of probing mechanical and electrical "spiritual" manifestations to the bottom, and that, having done this, he now proposed to unravel the mysteries before the public. He will appear again this week, and make further exposures.

Obsequies of Signor Rovero.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL RITES AT ST. STEPHEN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Signor AUGUSTINE ROVERO, the distinguished Italian buffo singer, was buried from Dr. CUMMINGS' Church, in Twenty-eighth-street, yesterday morning. The services were highly impressive. Dr. CUMMINGS, who had only recently risen from a bed of sickness, appeared at the altar on the occasion, but was too feeble to take part in the solemnities, and sat aside while Rev. Dr. McGLYNN offered up prayers and briefly addressed the multitude that had gathered to witness the ceremony. The church was hung with black. The choir was occupied by the chorus and solo singers of the Italian opera, and among them Signori ANTONUCCI, BELLINI, MAZZOLENI, MASSIMILIANI, and HAIMER, Mme. DE LUSSAN, and the choir of St. Stephen's Church, under direction of Mr. MAX BROWN, the organist of St. Stephen's. At noon the corpse was borne into the church by the pall-bearers, Signori Carlo Cappa, P. A. Salvotti, Giuseppe Pellegrini, R. Montefiore, N. Fazzi, Antonio Messini, S. Vitali and L. Gardenghi, members of the Unione e Fratellenza Italiana, and while the coffin was being borne up the main aisle the chorus of the Italian opera executed a magnificent requiem by ROSSI. The coffin, which was of black walnut, silver-mounted, was deposited at the head of the central aisle, and on the lid the hand of affection had placed a beautiful cross of white roses. A wreath of immortelles surrounded the neat silver coffin-plate, which bore a modest inscription, thus:

AUGUSTINE ROVERO,
OF ITALY,
DIED DEC. 13, 1865,
Aged 61 years.

After solos from ROSSINI's "Stabat Mater," Rev. Dr. McGLYNN, acting for Rev. Dr. CUMMINGS, addressed the audience briefly, saying that the distinguished artist in honor of whom they had assembled and for the repose of whose soul they would fervently pray. had been unexpectedly taken from mundane scenes. He had died among strangers on a shore far, far from his native Italy; he had been unable to bid affectionate farewell to those friends who had the nearest right to minister comfort unto him on the death-bed; but though among strangers, he had yet not gone to his tomb unwept or unregretted. The eminence which he had won in art had brought with it many warm and steadfast friends, who would follow his inanimate remains to their final place of rest. Not only had art given him a brotherhood in America, but religion, greater than art, had afforded him asylum in the brotherhood of the Divine Redeemer, whom the speaker implored, in view of the many good acts of the departed, to grant pardon for his errors and guide his soul to a crown of immortality.

The funeral procession, which was led by the orchestra of the Italian Opera, moved from the Church to Fourth-avenue, thence to Fourteenth-street and past the Academy—the theatre of Signor ROVERO's many triumphs—thence down Third-avenue to Tenth-street and to the Greenpoint ferry and to Cavalry Cemetery, where Mr. PATRICK McTEIGUE, the undertaker, deposited the remains in a tomb to await transportation to Italy. MAX MARETZEK accompanied the widow in a coach to the cemetery.

Signor ROVERO first came to America with ALBONI, in 1852, and in December of that year he sang at the Broadway Theatre in "Cerentola," the cast of the opera including ALBONI, SANGIOVANNI, BARILI, and COLETTI. The *rôle* of *Sulpizio*, in DONIZETTI's "Figlia del Reggimento," was written for him, and in that character he achieved a reputation in both America and Europe. He appeared at a benefit for the French Benevolent Society on Saturday evening, the 9th instant, and there severely taxed his powers. On leaving the theatre, overheated and fatigued, being unable to find his coach, he was compelled to stand a long time in the piercing evening air, and on reaching his hotel he was prostrated by a severe attack of diphtheria. On Wednesday morning last he rose, greatly relieved, and dressed himself in preparation for the reception of several intimate friends, and at about 3 o'clock that afternoon, while dining with one of these, he suddenly fell back in his chair and soon afterward expired.

The Italian Benevolent Society propose to erect a marble cenotaph to the memory of ROVERO, in Cavalry Cemetery; but it is understood that the body is to be borne to Italy, where the eminent artist had a son and several daughters.

Coroner's Inquests.

A SECOND VICTIM OF THE MOTT-STREET FIRE.

Some two weeks ago a fire occurred in a tenement building in Mott-street, by which a man lost his life while attempting to save some property. At the same time an aged woman, named ELIZABETH ALEXANDER, was severely injured by a fall. Mrs. ALEXANDER died Saturday at Bellevue Hospital from the effect of the injuries so received. Coroner GOVER held an inquest Saturday. The deceased was sixty-seven years of age, and a native of Ireland.

DEATH FROM SCALDS.

Coroner GOVER held an inquest Saturday at No. 34 Bethune-street on the body of FREDERICK J. C. HOPMAN, a little boy, four years of age, whose death was caused by scalds received by accidentally upsetting a pail of hot water. A verdict of accidental death was rendered.

KEROSENE LAMP EXPLOSION.

On Thursday evening last Miss ANN CAIN, residing with her brother at No. 205 East Thirty-eighth-street, attempted to fill a table-lamp with kerosene oil from a bottle, holding the vessel over a hot stove. As a matter of course, the inflammable material exploded in the unfortunate woman's hand, setting fire to her clothing and inflicting burns of a very severe nature. Miss CAIN languished until Saturday evening, when she died. Coroner COLLIN held an inquest on the body, and the jury rendered a verdict of accidental death. Miss CAIN was a native of Ireland and 22 years of age.

DEATH FROM A FALL.

Coroner COLLIN held an inquest yesterday on the body of REUBEN HIBBARD, of No. 116 East Seventh-street, who died from the effects of a fall. On Monday evening last Mr. HIBBARD came home, and inadvertently ascended the stoop leading into the house adjoining the one he occupied. Turning to go down again, on discovering his error, the deceased fell over the railing of the stoop into the area below, striking the pavement with his head, receiving the injuries which caused his death. Mr. HIBBARD was a native of England, 37 years of age, and leaves a family.

FOUND DROWNED.

On Saturday, Officer GUNSON, of the Fifth Precinct, found the body of a man floating in the water near Pier No. 34 North River, foot of Harrison-st. The body, which was that of a man apparently about forty-eight years of age, had only been in the water a short time. Deceased had on a black over-coat, business-coat, vest, and pants of mixed goods, and a white shirt, upon which was marked the name of "ALBERT W. KNIGHT;" a pair of boots, and a red comforter round his neck. On a handkerchief found in one of the pockets was also the name of "A. W. KNIGHT." Coroner COLLIN held an inquest on the remains. The deceased is presumed to have been a resident of River Point, R. I.

Board of Aldermen.

This board met at 3 P. M. Saturday, Mr. JONES in the chair.

A communication was received from the Assistant Corporation Counsel, in answer to a resolution of inquiry, stating that an appeal has been taken from the decision of Mr. Justice CLERKE, of the Supreme Court, in the matter of a mandamus directing the Common Council to create a loan of $75,000 for the purpose of erecting a new market-house, and that the appeal will be heard on the 23d inst.

The communication was placed on file and the board adjourned to this afternoon.

Board of Councilmen.

At a meeting of this board yesterday, an ordinance creating a loan of $75,000 for the erection of a new market-house in the Eighteenth Ward, was taken up and laid over.

A resolution was adopted recognizing Mr. HOTALING, whose seat is claimed by Mr. O'BRIEN, as a member of the board for the year 1865.

The board adjourned to 3 P. M. to-day.

Fires.

IN CROSBY-STREET.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock Saturday evening, a fire broke out at No. 92 Crosby-street, a five-story building, occupied by WOOD BROTHERS, carriage manufacturers, as a workshop. The flames were first discovered among some paints and oils, but were kept well under by the persistent efforts of the firemen, who were early on the ground. The damage to the stock is about $1,000; the building is damaged by fire and water $250. Both losses are fully covered by insurance.

Court Calendar—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—*Part I.*—Nos. 2865, 2553, 2765, 2747, 2749, 2751, 2753, 2755, 2768, 2761, 2763, 2765, 2771, 2773, 2775, 2777, 2781, 2783, 2785. *Part II.*—Nos. 3128, 3275, 3169, 3360, 2871, 3384. *Part III.*—Nos. 2704, 1685, 1758, 1768, 2111, 2298, 474, 2161, 705, 1029, 2334, 2037, 2762, 2721, 1612, 1813, 471, 3091, 875, 942, 2798.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Nos. 170, 277 to 291, 14, 172, 161, 219, 295, 230.

SUPERIOR COURT—*Part I.*—Nos. 491, 969, 4635, 4669, 1495, 1395, 515, 2229, 2615, 1645, 4615, 980½, 1743, 4325. *Part II.*—Nos. 1574, 1610, 492, 5024, 2140, 1644, 2098, 1818, 2162, 742, 1686, 3810, 4972, 1762, 2156.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM.—Both parts have adjourned for the term. The General Term for the hearing of appeal cases, will commence this morning.

Accident to the U. S. Steamer Monongahela.

The screw-sloop *Monongahela*, which sailed from here on Thursday last, returned on Saturday, having lost her foretopmast, topgallantmast and head of the foremast, while en route to Cape Haitien. The *Monongahela* has just been fitted out to join the West India Squadron, and was in the most thorough order and prepared for a long cruise. She is a fine vessel, and was built at the Philadelphia Navy-yard in 1861. On the 14th of March, 1863, she attempted the passage of the Port Hudson batteries, and on the 7th of July, of the same year, a rebel field battery, below Donaldson, opened on the vessel, killing her commander, ABNER READ. She performed excellent service in the Gulf, and returned North on the 4th of April, 1865. The following is a list of her officers: Captain, S. B. BISSELL; Lieutenant-Commander, C. H. Green; Lieutenants, F. M. Glensey, H. B. Rumsay; Acting Master, J. McGowan, Acting Ensigns, P. F. Harrington, F. Moaris; Midshipmen, T. A. Lyons, L. M. Ford, Isaac Hazlitt, J. E. Craig; Boatswain, A. Pomeroy; Surgeon, W. T. Hood; Past Assistant-Surgeon, J. T. Luck; Paymaster, J. Hoy, Jr.; Engineers: Chief, W. H. Rutherford; First Assistants, J. R. McNary, John Hunt; Third Assistants, J. H. Thomas, C. J. Habryborst; Acting Third Assistants, H. W. Free, B. W. Worsely, L. M. Reenstgerne; Captain's Clerk, L. R. Mason; Paymaster's Clerk, Wm. Pier de Behrens; Carpenter, R. G. Thomas; Main Officer, First Lieut. T. L. McElrath.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

MAYOR WOOD AND THE WHISKY.—It was stated in yesterday's TIMES that Mayor WOOD, of Brooklyn, who, besides being a gallant soldier and an intrepid defender of the Union, has for many years been identified with the temperance cause, was an active bidder at an auction for several hundred barrels of whisky. The facts are these: Some months since, as Collector of Internal Revenue in the Second District, Col. WOOD seized this whisky, since which it has remained in storage. Pending the settlement of the difficulty between the parties and the government, it was agreed that the whisky should be sold and the money put into bank. At the auction Col. WOOD appeared in behalf of the United States to see that a fair price was obtained, and hence the story. We think the colonel's antecedents are such as must convince his old temperance friends that he is not the man to desert either his flag or his principles.

FIREMAN'S FUNERAL.—The remains of THOMAS ARMSTRONG, an exempt and honorary member of Union Engine, No. 5, were interred in Greenwood Cemetery yesterday afternoon, from his late residence, No. 158 Willoughby-street. The company to which he had been attached, and a number of firemen belonging to other companies, accompanied the remains to their last resting-place.

DROWNED.—A man named MICHAEL LASELLE, aged 60 years, was found drowned in the Gowanus Canal, at the foot of Degraw-street, on Saturday. The deceased was a musician by profession, and it is supposed that while on his way home from some place of amusement where he was engaged, accidentally walked overboard. There are no lighted lamps at the place he fell into the water. Deceased was a widower, without children, residing at No. 88 East Warren-street.

ROBBING AN ERRAND-BOX.—A boy named JOHN VAN TASSEN, in the employ of A. P. REYNOLDS, Broadway, N. Y., while taking three dozen fur skating-caps through Atlantic-street, was accosted by a man who induced him to deliver a pair of skates to a man who lives in Clinton, near Fulton-street. The boy left his caps in the man's charge, but when he returned he found the man and the caps gone. No arrest.

FOUND ILL IN A CAR.—A man named DANIEL WILHELM, aged 65 years, was found in an unconscious state in a Fifth-avenue Railroad car on Saturday. He was conveyed to the Forty-eighth Precinct Station-house, and attended to by a physician, who pronounced it a case of heart disease. He was sent to his residence in Fifteenth-street.

OVERBOARD.—PETER CONLEY, residing at No 17 Jay-street, walked overboard at the foot of Adams-street on Saturday night. MATHEW GIBLING went to assist the drowning man, and also fell into the water. Both managed to get to shore by the aid of Officer GEAR, of the Forty-second Precinct Police, and some citizens.

POCKET PICKED ON A STREET CAR.—Mr. B. J. BELL, residing at No. 355 Cumberland-street, was robbed of a gold watch while riding on the platform of an Atlantic-street car, on Saturday last. A young man was arrested on suspicion of being the thief, but no evidence being produced aginst him, he was discharged by Sergeant MANFORD, of the Forty-first Precinct Police.

SLIGHT FIRE.—A fire occurred about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, in the sulphur factory of DANIEL H. GRAY, in Ninth-street, near the canal, causing damage to the amount of $50. The fire, it is supposed, was caused by a lighted pipe, the contents of which were thrown among some sulphur by a workman.

CONVICTED.—Dr. JOSEPH H. WALTERS, on trial in the Kings County Court of Sessions last week, on the charge of malpractice, &c., upon the body of LUCY S. JONES, was convicted of the offence by the jury, and recommended to the mercy of the court.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—DEC. 16, 1865.

$20,000	U. S. 6s, '81...C.	107¼
10,000	U.S.6s, 5-20s.C.'62	103⅝
43,500	do..........c	103½
2,050	do......Small	102¾
30,000	do.....2d call	103⅝
10,500	U.S.6s,5-20s.C.'64	100⅝
6,000	U. S. 6s, '74 Cou. Indorsed	95
3,000	U. S. 5s, '71...C.	100
4,500	Tr. Notes, 73-10s. First Ser.	97¼
1,000	do	98
2,000	do..2d Ser.S'l	97⅜
40,000	do	97⅝
2,500	do	97⅜
2,500	do..Th'd Ser.	97¾
500	do	97⅝
25,000	U.S.6s, 1 Yr. Cer. New issue	97¾
13,000	Tenn. 6s	90
2,000	Virginia 6s	65
1,000	Mo. 6s, H.& St.J. Issue	78
1,000	Louisiana 6s	75
4,000	Missouri 6s	76
45,000	O. & M. Cer.	28¾
1,000	Erie 3d M.	97
2,000	do	96½
3,000	Erie 4th M.	95½
1,000	Erie 5th M.	92⅝
500	N. Y. C. 6s, '83	91
1,000	To.&W.1stM.Ex.	92
2,000	Gal.&C.1stM.Ex.	100
2,000	Cleve.&Pitts.4th	80
5,000	At.&G.W.1st M. Ohio Division	96⅛
20	Bank of New-York	117
55	Imp. & Trad. Bank	100
100	Canton Co.	45¼
200	Cumb. Coal Pr.b30	45½
100	do	45
200	American Coal	74⅛
100	Spring M. Coal	56⅛
100	West. U. Teleg'h	53
700	Mariposa M. Co	15¼
200	Mariposa Pref.	21
100	At. Mail St. Co.	134
300	Schuylkill Coal	13⅛
200	Ashburton Coal	16¼
400	Erie Railroad	93⅛
600	do	93⅛
1500	N. Y. Cen. R.	96⅜
200	do..........b30	96⅝
100	do..........s10	96⅜
100	do.....2d call	96⅝
100	Erie Pref.	85½
500	Hud. R. R.	109
100	do	109¼
4300	Reading R.	116⅞
400	do	116⅝
200	do..........s30	116½
200	do..........s30	116⅜
400	do	116⅜
100	Ill. Cen. R.	134
100	Mich. Cen. R.	115¾
10	do	116⅛
400	Mich. S. & N. I.	75¾
100	do..........b30	75⅞
700	do	75⅝
200	do.....2d call	75⅝
400	Cleve. & Pitts..x-d	91½
3000	do	91⅝
500	do	91¾
40	do	91
200	do..........b10	91½
500	do..........b10	91⅝
1200	do	92¼
400	do	92⅜
50	Chic. & N. W.	35¾
2100	do	35½
50	do..........b15	36⅛
100	do	36
1000	Chi. & N.W.Pr.	62⅝
40	do	62½
400	do	62⅝
400	Cleve. & Tol. R.	113
2500	do	113⅝
2500	do	114
1500	do	115⅛
2500	do	114⅞
1000	do	115
200	Chi. & R. I.	108⅝
100	do	108
200	do	107¾
25	do	[illegible]
50	C., Bur. & Quin.	113
300	Mil.&P.du C.R.	98
100	P., Ft. W. & C.	105⅝
100	do	105⅝
200	do	105⅜
200	Chi. & Alt. R.	105
50	Rome & Water'n	100

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

$10,000	O. & M. Cer.	29¼
10,000	do..........c	29¼
20,000	do..........b10	29⅜
20,000	do..........c	29¼
30,000	do..........b3	29⅜
600	Schuylkill Coal	13⅜
100	do..........s3	13⅛
100	Mariposa Pref. ...c	21
300	New-York Cen.	96⅜
100	do..........c	96½
100	do..........s3	96⅜
100	do	96⅜
100	do	96⅜
600	Erie Railroad...s3	93⅝
100	do..........b3	93⅝
100	do..........b3	93¾
500	do..........b4	94
700	do..........b5	94⅛
1000	Reading R. ...b3	116⅝
100	do..........b3	116⅝
1200	do..........b3	117
100	do	117
200	Cleve. & Tol. ...b3	112¾
100	Chi. & N.W.Prf. ...s3	62½
500	M. So. & N. I.	75½
100	do..........c	75⅞
1100	do..........c	75¾
500	do..........b3	75¾
100	do..........c	75⅝
200	Cleve. & Pitts. ..x-d	91⅝
200	do..........b4	91¾
1100	do..........c	91⅞
500	do	91⅝
3400	do..........c	91⅝
1600	do	91½
500	do	91⅝
100	do..........b10	91⅝
1600	do..........c	91½
100	do..........b4	91⅝
100	do	91⅝
600	Chi. & R. I.	108½
100	do..........s3	108¼
100	do..........c	108⅜
300	Chic. & N. W. ...s3	35¾
200	do..........b10	36
100	do..........c	35⅞
300	do	35⅞
500	do	35⅞

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

$50,000	U.S.6s,5-20s...C Old Issue	103⅝
500	do..........c	103¾
20,000	U. S. 5s, 10-40s.C.	91⅜
20,000	U. States 7-30s, Third Series	97⅜
30,000	O. & Miss. Cer.	29⅜
30,000	do..........s3	29¼
10,000	do..........c	29⅜
30,000	do..........b3	29⅜
20,000	do..........b10	29½
10,000	do..........b5	29⅜
20,000	do	29⅜
100	Schuylkill Coal	13⅜
600	do	13⅝
100	do..........s15	13⅛
500	Mariposa Min.	15¼
100	do	15⅛
100	do..........b3	15⅝
100	Mariposa Pref.	21
300	N. Y. Central...b3	96⅜
1000	Erie Railway	93⅝
100	do..........b30	93¾
900	do	93⅝
300	do..........b7	93¾
500	do..........b10	93⅝
100	Hud. Riv. R. ...c	109⅜
100	do	109⅜
200	do..........s3	109¼
200	do	109⅜
6800	Reading R. ...b10	117
400	do..........b10	117
1600	do..........b5	117
900	do	116⅞
200	T. H. & Alt. Pr.	76
1000	Mich. S. & N. I.	75⅝
300	do..........s3	75¾
300	do..........c	75⅞
1100	do..........b3	75⅞
300	do..........b5	75⅞
100	do..........b5	75⅞
100	do	75⅞
300	Cleve. & Pitts. ..x-d	92¼
1500	do	92⅜
200	do	92¼
1000	do..........c	92⅜
300	do..........s3	92⅜
200	do..........c	92½
100	do	92⅛
400	Cleve. & Tol.	114
100	do	113
200	do..........c	113¾
200	Chic. & R. I.	108⅜
100	do..........s3	108⅛
400	Ch. & N. W.	36
400	do..........b3	35⅞
200	do	35⅞
100	do	35⅞
300	do	36
300	do	36
300	do	36
2100	Chi. & N. W. Pr. b3	62⅝
100	do..........b10	63
100	do..........s10	62⅝
100	P.,Ft.W.&Chi. ...b3	105⅝
200	do	105⅝
300	do..........b3	105⅝

OPEN BOARD—3 P. M.

$10,000	O. & M. Cer.	29⅜
10,000	do..........s10	29⅜
400	Cen. Coal Co.	[illegible]
100	do	[illegible]
100	Schuylkill Coal...b5	13⅝
100	do	13¾
100	do	13⅝
200	Amer. Coal Co.	74
300	Erie Railroad	93⅝
300	do..........b3	93¾
300	do	93⅝
1000	do..........s10	93⅝
100	do	93⅝
300	Hud. Riv. R.	109¾
300	do	109⅝
300	do..........s10	109⅜
400	N. Y. Central	96⅜
200	Cleve. & Pitts. ..x-d	92¼
2600	do	92⅜
1400	do	92½
400	do..........s10	92⅜
1200	do..........b15	92
100	do	92⅜
100	do	92⅜
1200	do	92⅜
300	do..........b5	92⅜
200	M. So. & N. I. R. ...s3	75¾
100	do..........b5	75⅞
100	Cleve. & Tol.	114⅛
200	do	115
200	do	114⅞
400	do	114⅝
400	Reading R. ...x-d	[illegible]
400	do	[illegible]
1000	do	[illegible]
100	P., F. W. & C.	[illegible]
100	do	[illegible]
000	do	[illegible]
200	do	[illegible]
100	do	[illegible]
400	Chi. & N. W.	[illegible]
100	C. & N. W. Pref. s3	[illegible]

MONDAY, Dec. 18—A. M.

The Trade of the past week was generally active. The Import entries are large, but a considerable portion goes into bond, to await a better market later in the season. This is especially so with the Dry Goods entries. The Customs duties nevertheless continue far in advance of the same season last year, and promise, at New-York, from $9,000,000 to $9,500,000 in December. The Exports of Produce are on a liberal scale, and the Exports of Specie for the week are about $682,000 in excess of the week's receipts from California. This movement, coupled with sundry rumors on the Mexican question, which are without foundation so far as we are advised from Washington, induced a temporary advance in the Gold Room. The price was run up to 147¼, but subsequently returned to 145¼. It is difficult to know whether such rumors are most to be attributed to the Mexican Liberals here and in Washington or to gossip derived from the French Legation or its surroundings. The suspicion is abroad that the spirit of mischief-making, or, it may be, of stock-jobbing, is not altogether foreign to either party; and it may be that the same spirit pervades certain of the hasty and intemperate "resolutions" moved in Congress on Mexico and the Monroe doctrine. It is fortunate that we have an Administration in power whose ability and moderation and self-poised dignity in all that concerns our diplomatic affairs will be sure to keep the country out of serious trouble on the Mexican and all other unsettled foreign questions; at least until positive aggression—not now probable—from the other side provokes a departure from friendly intercourse and negotiation.

The market for Foreign Bills did not fairly reach the shipping point for Gold Coin, and at the close of the week there was less probability of any considerable demand for export than was calculated on in the Gold Room before the last English mail by the *Java*, advising an advance in Cotton and United States Stocks, and the negotiation of £2,721,600 bonds by the Atlantic and Great Western Company in London.

The market for Money continued to improve for borrowers through the week, and there was more business done at 6 ℘ cent. on Government call at close on Saturday than at any previous time since October. The general rate of the Street on miscellaneous collateral is 7 ℘ cent. The ease of the market and the relatively cheap prices for Government Gold-bearing Stocks and the 7.30 Currency Loans have induced a large business in both, while the 15th December interest on the Second Series of 7.30s is being exclusively reinvested in the same security. The $50 and $100 Notes are retailing at about par; the $500s and $1,000s are quoted 97⅛@97⅝ for the Seconds; 98@98¼ for the Firsts, and 97⅛@97⅝ for the Thirds.

The Import Entries for the past week, including the Dry Goods return in our last paper, amount to $6,754,248 as against the total entries of $1,402,778 same week last year. The Export Clearances of Domestic Produce amount to $4,810,189 against $3,444,886 same week last year. The export of Specie amounts to $1,420,924 against $1,121,487 same week last year. The Customs for the week are $2,183,937. The receipts of Cotton, coastwise and by railroad, are 27,698 bales; the number of emigrant passengers arrived during the week 3,402.

The Import entries of Foreign Merchandise at New-York since the 1st of January are officially (to 1st October) and semi-officially (since) reported, as follows—the small entries of Foreign Specie being omitted:

January	$10,537,849	Oct. 14	$6,137,[illegible]
February	11,386,8[illegible]	Oct. 21	6,112,87[illegible]
March	13,760,131	Oct. 28	5,023,[illegible]
April	13,022,972	Nov. 4	5,373,13[illegible]
May	12,099,024	Nov. 11	6,174,65[illegible]
Jun	16,018,288	Nov. 18	[illegible]
July	18,803,198	Nov. 25	6,783,321
August	24,368,[illegible]	Dec. 2	[illegible]
Sept.	22,480,572	Dec. 9	3,344,056
Oct.	4,288,947	Dec. 16	6,754,248
Total to date			$267,377,7[illegible]
Against same time 1864			[illegible]
Decrease since Jan. 1			$5,206,[illegible]

The Exports of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods, including Foreign articles re-exported since January 1, are:

January	$16,561,508	Oct. 14	$4,180,00[illegible]
February	15,750,862	Oct. 21	3,492,12[illegible]
March	14,397,718	Oct. 28	5,006,60[illegible]
April	17,711,648	Nov. 4	[illegible]
May	8,256,273	Nov. 11	6,127,15[illegible]
June	8,240,6[illegible]	Nov. 18	[illegible]
July	12,812,075	Nov. 25	5,022,75[illegible]
August	14,693,077	Dec. 2	[illegible]
Sept.	12,029,314	Dec. 9	5,618,01[illegible]
Oct. 4	2,418,527	Dec. 16	4,810,189
Total to date			[illegible]
Against same time 1864			[illegible]
Decrease since Jan. 1			[illegible]

The Exports of Specie from New-York since Jan. 1 are:

January	$2,184,853	Oct. 14	$872,[illegible]
February	1,023,201	Oct. 21	[illegible]
March	381,913	Oct. 28	[illegible]
April	3,546,642	Nov. 4	[illegible]
May	7,255,071	Nov. 11	[illegible]
June	[illegible]	Nov. 18	[illegible]
July	723,885	Nov. 25	723,31[illegible]
August	1,554,986	Dec. 2	[illegible]
Sept.	2,494,973	Dec. 9	[illegible]
Oct. 7	2,316,092	Dec. 16	1,420,924
Total to date			[illegible]
Against same time 1864			[illegible]
Decrease since Jan. 1			$18,[illegible]

The deliveries of Gold from California at New-York, since Jan. 1, are:

January	$2,042,347	August	[illegible]
February	[illegible]	September	[illegible]
March	1,673,444	October	[illegible]
April	1,257,651	November	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	Dec. 2	[illegible]
June	[illegible]	Dec. 9	[illegible]
July	$1,092,804	Dec. 14	738,[illegible]
Total to date			[illegible]
Against deliveries to date, 1864			[illegible]
Increase since Jan. 1			[illegible]

The following are the Customs received in Gold, and Gold Interest paid out at the New-York Office of the United States Treasury, since Jan. 1, 1865:

	Customs Received.		Gold Interest Paid.
January	$4,273,[illegible]	January	[illegible]
February	4,823,[illegible]	February	[illegible]
March	[illegible]	March	[illegible]
April	[illegible]	April	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	May	[illegible]
June	[illegible]	June	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	July	[illegible]
August	[illegible]	August	[illegible]
September	[illegible]	September	[illegible]
October	[illegible]	October	[illegible]
November	[illegible]	November	[illegible]
Dec. 2	[illegible]	Dec. 2	[illegible]
Dec. 9	[illegible]	Dec. 9	[illegible]
Dec. 16	[illegible]	Dec. 16	[illegible]
Total	$99,305,197		[illegible]

COURSE OF STOCK EXCHANGE FOR WEEK:

American Gold Coin	144⅞@147⅝
U. S. 6 ℘ cents, 5-20 years	[illegible]
U. S. 5 ℘ cents, 10-40 years	[illegible]
New-York Central	[illegible]
New-York and Erie	[illegible]
Rock Island	[illegible]
Michigan Southern	[illegible]
Michigan Central	[illegible]
Illinois Central	[illegible]
Hudson River	[illegible]
Cleveland and Pittsburgh	[illegible]
Chicago and Northwestern	33 with div. [illegible]
Fort Wayne and Chicago	[illegible]
Almaden Quicksilver	[illegible]
Mariposa Gold	[illegible]
Cumberland	[illegible]
Reading	117 with div. x.d.
Northwestern Preferred	[illegible]
Canton Land Co.	[illegible]
Ohio and Mississippi Certificates	[illegible]

The price of Gold was weaker Saturday than on Friday, by ½@⅝ ℘ cent. Sales at 146¼@146⅝@145¼ ℘ cent. The shipments of the day were $1,053,424, making for the week $1,420,924, divided as follows:

California Gold bars	$521,976
American Gold Coin	715,000
Foreign Gold and Silver	182,948
Total	$1,420,924

The Treasury Office received for Customs, during the week, in Gold, $2,183,937, and paid out on Gold Interest $175,864. The receipts of Cotton for the week, 27,698 bales. Exchange on London left off 109⅛@109¼ ℘ cent. Money 6 ℘ cent. on Government collateral and 6@7 ℘ cent. at call to the Stock Brokers generally, on a very easy market at the close of the week.

The strongest Stock market of the week was apparent Saturday. The speculation in the Railways was especially buoyant on Cleveland and Pittsburgh, and Cleveland and Toledo, both advancing 3@4 ℘ cent. on the rise of Friday. Reading and New-York Central indicated higher by ½@¾ ℘ cent. The transactions in these four stocks, and also in Rock Island, were unusually heavy.

Erie and the other Western Stocks were firm, and the miscellaneous list disposed to participate in the general activity and bullish feeling of the Share market. In Government Stocks, a further large business was done at the Stock Exchange; while the demand from the public, in a retail way, at the counters of the great dealers in Governments on Wall-street was unusually active; prices for all descriptions leaving off firm.

At 4 o'clock the following quotations were made, as compared with Friday afternoon: The Railways firm. The extreme sales of Toledo were 115½; Pittsburgh, 93¼, ex dividend; they left off at 114¼ and 92½ respectively, as against 112¼ and 89 on Friday night. Reading is now quoted ex dividend. Northwest Common was strong in the afternoon.

	Frid.	Sat.		Frid.	Sat.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Northwest	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	N. West Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rock Island	[illegible]	[illegible]
N. Y. Central	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fort Wayne	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cumb'land Coal	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Quicksilver	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Mariposa	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mich. Southern	[illegible]	[illegible]	Canton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Illinois Central	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ohio Certificates	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburgh	[illegible]	[illegible]	American Gold	[illegible]	[illegible]
Prairie du Chien	97	97	Bills on London	109¾	109¾

* Ex-Div.

The following bids were made for the City Bank Shares. The Eighth National and Tenth National have each declared a half-yearly dividend of 5 per cent; The Bank of New-York, 5 ₩ cent.; Shoe and Leather, 5 ₩ cent.; Merchants' Exchange, 5 ₩ cent., and Metropolitan, 6 ₩ cent.

New-York	116	Hanover	110
Merchants'	110	Irving	108
Mechanics'	115	People's	112½
Union	116	Market	110
National	104	Shoe and Leather	100
Merchants' Exch'ge	101½	Corn Exchange	112
State of New-York	102	St. Nicholas	99½
Commerce	107	Commonwealth	103½
Mechanics' B'k Ass.	100	Importers' & Traders'	90
Ocean	98	N.Y. National Exc. Bk.	121
American Exchange	110	Central National	107
Pacific	160	First National	200
Chatham	135	Fourth National	97
Bank of the Republic	109	Ninth National	106

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883	90½	Tol. & Wab. 1st, M.	91½
N. Y. Cen. 7s, 1876	102	Tol. & Wab 1st M. Ext	91
Erie 1st mort., '68	98½	Tol. & Wab. 2d M.	74
Erie 7s, 3d mort., '83	96½	Gal. & Chic. Ext.	100
Erie 7s, 4th mort., 1880	95½	Chi. & R. I. 1st mort.	101
Erie 7s, 5th mort., 1888	92½	Cleve. & Tol. S. Fund	98
Buf. N.Y. & E. 1st M. '77	93	N. J. Cen. 1st mort.	101
Hud. R. 7s, 1st M. '69	102	N. J. Cen. 2d mort.	101
Hud. R. 7s, 3d M '75	92	Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 1st M.	102½
Hud. R. 7s, conv., '67	93	Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 2 M.	94½
Harlem 1st mort., '69-72	98	Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 3d M.	86
Harlem 3ds, '68	90	Cleve & Pitts. 2d Mort.	88
Mich. C. new, 1sts, 8s, '82	110½	Cleve. & P. 3d m. con.	88
Chi., B. & Q. 8 ₩ c. 1sts	112	Cleve. & P. 4th mort.	70
Ind. Gosh. Line '68	92	Miss. & Mo. L. G. 1st M.	48
Mich. S. & N. I. S. F. 7 ₩ c.	90	Chi. & Alton 1st M.	96½
Alt. and T. H. 1st m.	90½	Chi. & Alton Inc.	85
Alton & T. H. 2d M. pr.	78	Chi. & Gt. West. 1st M.	96½
Chi. & N. W. S. F.	91	Ohio & Miss. 1st mort.	80
Chi. & N. W. Ex. B.	75	Mil. & St. Paul 1st M.	84
Han. & St. Jos. L. G.	95	Marietta & C. 1st Mort.	85
Han. & St. Jos. Con.	72	Cinc. & Mil. 1st mort.	85
Del. L. & W. 2d M.	102	Joliet & Chic. 1st mort.	93

The day's business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States was as follows: Receipts, $4,058,050 18; including for Customs, $390,000; payments, $575,197 03; on account of Loan, $426,500; balance, $79,059,-882 94. Coin certificates, $786,040.

The following is a statement of the approximate earnings of the Fort Wayne Company during the month of November ult., compared with the same period of last year:

	1865.	1864.
From Freights	$442,042	$409,844
From Passengers	243,592	257,553
From Express Matter	10,963	8,023
From Mails	7,825	7,825
From Rent of Railway	7,083	7,083
From Miscellaneous	1,965	1,225
Total	$713,471	$691,555
Earnings from Jan. 1 to Nov. 30	$7,821,291	$6,206,383

Attention is directed to the card of Messrs. ALDRICH & SHARPE, Brokers, No. 34 Wall-street.

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WM. T. LOCKWOOD, Secretary.

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Dec. 16, 1865.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been 15 bbls. Ashes, 14,865 bbls. Flour, 600 bushels Rye, 1,900 bushels Oats, 44 bbls. Pork, 149 pkgs. Cut Meats, 218 pkgs. Lard, and 200 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Continue in demand, at $10 50@$10 75 for Pots and $11 50 for Pearls, ₩ 100 lbs.

COFFEE—Is in request at uniform prices, including Java at 27c.@29c.; Maracaibo at 20c.@ 23c.; Laguayra at 20c.@22c.; Rio at 17½c.@20½c., and St. Domingo at 17½c.@18½c., cash, in gold, ₩ lb.

COTTON—Has been moderately inquired for at drooping prices. Middlings, 48c.@50c. ₩ lb. Sales and resales, 2,400 bales. The receipts at this port, during the week, have been 27,694 bales, making the receipts at the port since the 1st of December 68,586 bales, making 383,306 bales since the commencement of the current Cotton year, Sept. 1, 1865.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been quiet to-day, as buyers have been reluctant to pay asking prices, which have been 10c.@15c. ₩ bbl. above yesterday's figures on the shipping grades. The market closed firmly, though without any noticeable rise. Sales since our last 8,300 bbls., including very inferior to choice Superfine State and Western at $7@ $7 60; very inferior to choice Extra State at $8 15 @$8 60, chiefly at $8 15@$8 35; round-hoop Extra Ohio, inferior to good shipping brands, at $8 55@$8 90 ₩ bbl. We now quote:

Superfine State and Western	$7 00	@$7 60
Extra State	8 15	@ 8 60
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c.	8 15	@11 00
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, ship'g brands	8 55	@ 8 90
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	9 00	@11 50
Extra Genesee	8 65	@11 50
Poor to very choice extra Missouri	9 00	@15 50

Southern Flour is in less request at previous prices. Sales since our last 600 bbls. in lots at $8 75@$9 75 for poor to good, and $9 80@$15 for good to very choice extra brands, ₩ bbl. Canadian Flour is firm. Sales 320 bbls. Extra at $8 15@$11 25 ₩ bbl. Rye Flour rules quiet, including Superfine at $5 50 @$6 50 ₩ bbl. Corn Meal is quiet at $4 20@$4 30 for Western, $4 25 for Jersey, $4 50 for Marsh's Caloric, and $4 50 for Brandywine, ₩ bbl.; sales 175 bbls.

GRAIN—Wheat has been in good demand, and prices of desirable lots of Spring have advanced materially. Sales 82,000 bushels, including very handsome new Amber Spring at $1 90; red do. at $1 83@$1 84; Chicago Spring and Milwaukee Club at $1 60@$1 82 ₩ bushel. Corn is quiet at about previous rates, closing heavily. Sales since our last 51,000 bushels at 88c.@95c. for unsound, and 96c.@97c., chiefly at 96c., for sound Mixed Western, ₩ bushel. Rye, Barley and Barley Malt are neglected. Oats are in moderate request and steady, including State at 62c.@63c.; sound old Western, in store, 60c.@62c.; and unsound at 48c.@55c., the latter an exceptional rate, ₩ bushel.

HAY—North River bale is in less demand to-day, at 60c.@85c. for poor to choice, ₩ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Are quiet yet firm at 25c.@65c. for new, and 10c.@45c. for one year old, ₩ lb.

HIDES—The week's receipts have been 44,855 hides; sales, 69,100 hides, the latter including, according to Messrs. HULL & Co., 30,300 Dry Buenos Ayres, 21@25 lbs., 17¾c.@19c., gold, usual selection; 6,800 Dry Buenos Ayres, to arrive, 22½ lbs., 28½c. cash, usual selection; 5,000 Dry Buenos Ayres, to arrive, 22@24 lbs., p. t.; 500 Dry Buenos Ayres, 17 lbs., private terms; 100 Dry Buenos Ayres, Culls, 23 lbs., private terms; 13,000 Dry Montevideo, 21½@22 lbs., 17½c., gold, usual selection; 1,500 Dry Montevideo, in bond, 19½ lbs., 16½c., gold, usual selection; 2,000 Dry Montevideo, to arrive, 21 lbs., private terms; 1,000 Dry Rio Grande, 20 lbs., 17c., gold, usual selection; 900 Dry California, 20 lbs., 20½c.@25c. cash, usual selection; 2,100 Dry Texas, 22 lbs., p. t.; 1,000 Wet Salted Rio Grande, to arrive, 50 lbs., 9c., gold, usual selection; 1,200 Wet Salted New-Orleans, 65 lbs., private terms; 2,700 City Slaughter, 50@70 lbs., 9c.@13½c., cash. The stock on hand of Ox and Cow Hides is 211,200 (same time last year, 356,800 year before, 251,100,) and 650 bales. The stock consists of 68,000 Dry Buenos Ayres and Montevideo (Hides and Kips,) 4,500 Dry Rio Grande (Hides and Kips), 31,000 Dry Orinoco, 9,000 Dry California, 7,500 Dry Vera Cruz, 5,000 Dry Porto Cabello and Laguayra, 14,000 Dry Central American, &c., 700 Dry Bogota and Savanilla, 1,500 Dry Maracaibo, 2,000 Dry Bahia, 4,500 Dry New-Orleans and Western, 30,000 Dry Texas and Southern, 17,200 Dry Gambia and Bissau, 4,800 Dry from European ports, 800 Dry Singapore Buffalo, 10,000 Dry Salted Pernambuco, 650 bales Calcutta Cow and Buffalo.

LEATHER—The movements in this line during the week Messrs. WEIZEL & WEIDEMEYER notice thus: "HEMLOCK SOLE—The inquiry has been dull for most descriptions, and sales were less than receipts. Prime heavy Leather has moved off fairly, at a reduction of ½c. ₩ lb. from last week's quotations. Common and light Leather has been selling at somewhat irregular prices. Large lots could be purchased below our quotations. OAK SOLE—The activity during the week has been quite limited. For good light and middle weights prices are strong. At the late public sale at Philadelphia on Tuesday last, 11,400 sides were sold, chiefly to Boston dealers, at full prices. Weekly receipts of sole leather about 42,000 sides. We quote:—SOLE—Oak Slaughter and salted, good light, 38c.@39c.; Oak Slaughter and salted, good middle, 40c.@42c.; Oak Slaughtered and salted, good heavy, 40c.@42c.; Oak light cropped, good, 46c.@48c.; Oak, middle cropped, good, 50c.@55c.; Oak bellies, cropped, good, 19c.@21c.; Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, &c., good light, 33½c.@34½c.; Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, &c., good middle, 38c.@39c.; Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, &c., good heavy, 39c.@40c.; Hemlock, California, good light, 35c.@36; Hemlock, California, good middle, 38c.@39c.; Hemlock, California, 39c.@39½c.; Hemlock, Orinoco, &c., good light, 35c.@36½c.; Hemlock, Orinoco, &c., good middle, 37c.@38c.; Hemlock, Orinoco, good heavy, 34c.@36c.; Hemlock, Orinoco and Buenos Ayres, damaged, all weights, 31c.@35c.; Hemlock, Orinoco and Buenos Ayres, poor, all weights, 22c.@24c.; Hemlock Slaughter, in rough, 30c.@34c.; Oak Slaughter, in rough, light, 33c.@36c.; Oak Slaughter, in rough, middle and heavy, 37c.@44c., cash, ₩ lb."

MOLASSES—Continues inactive at unchanged quotations.

NAVAL STORES—Have been in limited request, including Spirits Turpentine at $1 10@$1 12½ ₩ gallon. Resin at $6 87½@$20 ₩ 280 lbs.

OILS—Have been dull and heavy, including Crude Whale at $1 65; Bleached do. at $1 75@$1 78; Crude Sperm at $2 42; Unbleached do. at $2 60@$2 65; Lard Oil at $2@$2 15; Red Oil at $1 20@1 35; Linseed Oil at $1 44@$1 45 ₩ gallon.

PETROLEUM—Is in moderate demand at 41½c. for Crude; 67c.@68c. for Refined in bond; and 85c.@ 86c. for do. free, ₩ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been depressed and lower to-day, closing quite heavily. Sales since our last of 7,850 bbls., in lots, at $28 62½@$29 25, closing at $28 62½ regular for Mess; $25@$25 50 for Prime Mess, and $24 (nominally) for new Prime, ₩ bbl.; Cut Meats are in less demand at 11c.@13c. for Shoulders, and 13c.@17c. for Hams; sales 256 pkgs. Bacon continues in request, but at easier rates. Sales 600 boxes, including Cumberland Cut at 14½c., deliverable within ten days, and 14c. in February, sellers' option, ₩ lb. Dressed Hogs are quiet, and quoted down to 13½c.@13½c. ₩ lb. Lard is steady. Sales 585 tcs. and bbls. at 16c.@20½c., (the latter a fancy price,) for common to choice, ₩ lb. Beef is in moderate demand at $14@$17 for Extra Mess, and $11@$14 for Plain Mess; also, $17@$20 for New Plain Mess, and $22@$24 for New Extra do. Sales have been reported of 650 bbls. Tierce Beef has been in moderate request; sales 650 tcs., including Prime Mess, on private terms, and India Mess, at $42. The range is from $35@$38 for Prime Mess, and $40@$43 for India Mess. Beef Hams are in request; 200 bbls. State and Western were sold at $32@$34 50 ₩ bbl. Butter continues quiet at 30c.@43c. for poor to prime, and 45c.@55c. for fancy to extra State, and 25c.@38c. for Western, ₩ lb. Cheese continues inactive at 14c. @19c. for poor to choice ₩ lb. We quote:

Butter.

Orange and Sussex—fresh pails, ₩ lb.	48	@55
Pennsylvania and River—fresh pails, ₩ lb.	40	@55
Half-firkin tubs—first quality	43	@45
Half-firkin tubs—second quality	38	@40
Orange and Sussex Dairies—firkins	40	@45
New-York State Dairies—firkins—extra	40	@43
N. Y. State Dairies—firkins—good to fine, ₩ lb.	38	@40
N. Y. State Dairies—Welch tubs—extra, ₩ lb.	40	@43
N. Y. S. Dairies—Welch tubs—good to fine, ₩ lb.	38	@40
Ordinary State—Welch tubs	33	@37
Pennsylvania Dairies—firkins—good to fine, ₩ lb.	35	@38
Western Reserve—firkins—fair to good	33	@36
Michigan and Indiana—firkins—fair to good, ₩ lb.	32	@35
Ill. and Wisconsin—firkins—fair to good, ₩ lb.	32	@35
Common Western—firkins, ₩ lb.	25	@27½
Canada Butter—good to fine, ₩ lb.	33	@37
Roll Butter—good to fine, ₩ lb.	35	@38

Cheese.

Factory-made Dairies—first quality	18¾@19
Factory-made Dairies—second quality	17½@18
Farm Dairies—first quality	17½@18
Farm Dairies—second quality	16 @17
Farm Dairies—common	14 @16
Orange County—flat skimmed	15 @18

SKINS—Deer are scarce and wanted at our quotations: Honduras, 65c.@67½c.; San Juan 60c.@62½c.; Bolivar, 37½c.@40c.; Sisal, 55c.@60c.; Vera Cruz, 65c.@67½c.; Chagres, 62½c.@65c.; Porto Cabello and Barcelona, 46c.@50c.; Para, 57½c.@60c., in gold, ₩ lb. For goat there is no demand from the local or near-by manufacturers, owing in part to the continued difficulties between them and their workmen, but more particularly to the present dull state of the market for the finished article. Prices are entirely nominal.

SUGARS—Continue in limited request, and are heavy. Sales since our last 176 hhds., including Cuba, &c., at 13c.@14½c. ₩ lb. Refined Sugars are dull at 14½c.@19½c. ₩ lb. Messrs. STUART now quote their Refined Sugars thus: Loaf, 19½c.; best Crushed, 19c.; Granulated, 18½c.; Ground, 18½c.; White A, 18c.; Yellow C, 17c., ₩ lb.

STEARINE—Sales since our last 28,000 lbs., at 15½c. @17c. ₩ lb.

TALLOW—Sales to-day reach 81,000 lbs. at 13½c.@ 14½c., and 31,000 lbs. Grease at 11c.@12½c. ₩ lb.

WHISKY—Sales 250 bbls., in lots, chiefly at $2 32@ $2 33 ₩ gallon.

WOOL—An improved inquiry prevails for the principal kinds at steady prices. Included in the sales have been: 250,000 lbs. domestic Fleece at 50c.@75c.; 65,000 lbs. do. Pulled at 55c.@70c.; 21,000 lbs. California, at 25c.@40c.; 150 bales Texas on private terms; and 800 bales foreign, including Cape, partly at 37½c.@42c.; South American Pulled at 38c.; and other kinds on private terms. Sales in Boston during the week, according to the *Commercial Bulletin*: "550,000 lbs. domestic at a range of 52c.@75c. for Fleece, and 55c.@75c. for the various grades of Pulled. The transactions have been mostly in small lots at 52c.@57½c. for Western Fleece, 60c.@66c. for Michigan, 60c.@68c. for New-York, and 68c.@75c. for Ohio. In California, sales 20,000 lbs. at 37c.@38c. In Canada, small sales at 70c.@72c. for Mixed, and 75c.@78c. for Combing. Foreign of the finer grades is in very light stock, and not much affected by the slight fluctuation in gold. The transactions have been unimportant."

Current Prices for Domestic Wool in New-York, Dec. 16, 1865.

	Cents per lb.
New-York, Michigan, Vermont.	
Choice Saxony fleece	65@70
Saxony fleece Full blood fleece ½ and ¾ blood fleece	60@63
Native and ¼ fleece Common fleece	50@55
Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.	
Choice Saxony fleece	75@80
Saxony fleece Full blood fleece	68@72
½ and ¾ blood fleece Native and ¼ fleece	55@62
Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Indiana.	
Saxony fleece Full blood fleece	57@62
½ and ¾ blood fleece Native and ¼ fleece Common fleece	50@55
Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee.	
Washed fleeces	58@63
Unwashed fleeces	36@43
Southern unwashed fleece	30@40
Southern unwashed fleece burry	20@24
Texas.	
Unwashed fleece	30@40
*Unwashed fleece burry	22@25
California.	
Washed fleece	46@62
Unwashed fleece, fine, Unwashed fleece, medium	25@42
Unwashed fleece, coarse	20@30
Unwashed burry, coarse	14@22
Pulled fine	45@57
Pulled medium	40@45
Pulled common	32@36
Pulled Wool.	
New-York City, extra	60@65
New-York City, super	55@60
New-York City, No. 1.	42@47
New-York City, No. 2.	14@17
Country, extra	65@70
Country, super	58@61
Country, No. 1.	46@52
Country No. 2.	18@20
Lambs	45@55
Western limed pulled	35@44
Southern limed pulled	33@40
Tub washed	60@72

FREIGHTS—Have been moderately active, to-day, with 581 vessels of all classes in port. For Liverpool there were taken 1,400 bales Cotton at ¾d.@11-32d. by sailing vessel, and ⅝d. by steamer, ₩ lb.; 14,000 bushels Wheat and Corn at 5¾d.@6d. ₩ bushel; the latter rate by steamer; also, by steamer, 1,000 tcs. Beef at 3s. 6d. ₩ tce. For London, 1,300 bbls. Flour at 1s. 9d., and 2,000 bbls. Oil Cake at 1s. 10½d. ₩ bbl. For Antwerp, 2,000 bbls. Petroleum at 5s. 9d. ₩ bbl. The latest charters, according to the *Shipping List*, have been: Norwegian bark, 515 tons, from Baltimore to Belfast, Corn, 7s. 3d. ₩ quarter; a ship, 22,000 bush. Corn, from Baltimore to Belfast, Londonderry, Dublin or Liverpool, 8¾d., half bulk and half shipper's bags; a British brig, 240 tons, to Marseilles, Genoa, Leghorn or Naples, 2,000 Petroleum, 7s.; a Br. brig to Marseilles, Petroleum, 6s. 6d.; a Dan. brig to Pernambuco and Bahia, 95 and 100c., gold, port charges paid at Pernambuco; a Br. brig, 314 tons, from South Side Cuba to New-York, Sugar, 60c.; one, 227 tons, to Trinidad, Cuba, and back, Sugar, 60c., and Molasses, $6; a schr., 129 tons, to Cedar Keys and back, Cedar, $22 ₩ M.; one, 250 tons, to Portland, Staves and Shooks, $600; one to Boston, Staves, $11; a Bre. ship, 784 tons, to Melbourne, a ship, 649 tons, to Hong Kong and Shanghai, a bark, 380 tons, to Buenos Ayres, a Dan. brig to Pernambuco and Maranham, a Br. bark, 804 tons, from Philadelphia to Aspinwall, Coal, a new schr., 233 tons, four voyages, to Cienfuegos and back to a port north of Hatteras, a Br. brig, 124 tons, to St. Jago, Cuba, and back, and a schr., 147 tons, to Key West and Apalachiola, on private terms.

PERSONAL.

C. L. M. HAS REMAINED A WEEK; now goes; many drawbacks; S. promised to change house, as proposed, soon as possible; hoped by time suggested; but now G. interposes necessity of remaining at present house for his future plans; friends will be active; a request from —— would certainly succeed; otherwise doubtful; R. has done nothing; seems indifferent to promise and message.

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COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

DISSOLUTION.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 1, 1865.

The firm of E. G. ARTHUR & CO. is dissolved this day by mutual consent.

E. G. ARTHUR,
EDMUND KETCHUM.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 1, 1865.

We have this day admitted into our firm Messrs. E. G. ARTHUR and EDMUND KETCHUM. We will continue to transact a General Banking Business under the firm name of ALDRICH, SHARPE & CO., at our new offices, No. 34 Wall-st., Union National Bank Building.

ALDRICH & SHARPE.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—The partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the firm of J. R. GARLAND & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, WM. H. HAMILTON retiring therefrom.

J. R. GARLAND will settle up the business of the concern.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1865.

JOHN R. GARLAND,
WILLIAM H. HAMILTON.

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AUCTION SALES.

JOHN H. DRAPER, Auctioneer.

UNDERWRITERS' SALE OF DAMAGED COTTON.

JOHN H. DRAPER & CO.,
will sell on
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20, 1865,
AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,
ON THE BATTERY,

About 2,000 bales of damaged cotton, saved from the fire at No. 18 State-st.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, HENRY A. BARLING and ABNER H. DAVIS, as executors of the last will and testament of Edward Mott Robinson, deceased, will sell at public auction, through Burdett, Jones & Co., auctioneers, at the Merchants' Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on the 11th day of December next, at 12 o'clock noon, the three-eighths of the ship *Queen of the East*, of New-York, her tackle, apparel and furniture, &c., mortgaged to the said Edward Mott Robinson, deceased, by Eben B. Crocker and George Warren, to secure the sum of $18,000, by indenture of mortgage, dated March 5, 1864, recorded in the Custom-house in New-York March 8, 1864, in Liber 45, folio 85, &c., of Bills of Sale of Registered Vessels. Default having been made in payment of said mortgage debt, the said sale will be made in pursuance of the power contained in said mortgage. The said vessel is now lying at the North Middle Wharf in the Atlantic Basin, in the City of Brooklyn.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 28, 1865.

HENRY A. BARLING,
ABNER H. DAVIS,
Executors, &c., of Edward Mott Robinson.

The above sale is postponed to WEDNESDAY, the 20th December instant, at the same time and place mentioned in the foregoing notice.

HENRY A. BARLING,
A. H. DAVIS,
Executors, &c., of Edward Mott Robinson.

J. B. WALTON & DESLONDE, Auctioneers.

IMPORTANT TO CAPITALISTS.

THE ST. CHARLES THEATRE,
NEW-ORLEANS,
TOGETHER WITH THE
IMPROVEMENTS AND FIXTURES,
SCENERY, MACHINERY AND FURNITURE,
TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION,
BY ORDER OF
THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF THE NEW-ORLEANS GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.
BY C. E. GIRARDEY & CO.,
AND
J. B. WALTON & DESLONDE,
Auctioneers.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27, 1865, at 12 o'clock M., at the Merchants' and Auctioneers' Exchange, New-Orleans, by order and under the direction of the President and Directors of the New Gas-light Co., will be sold—

A certain lot of ground, situated in the First District of New-Orleans, in the square bounded by St. Charles, Poydras, Camp and Gravier sts., and measuring eighty feet front on said St. Charles-st., by one hundred and seventy feet in depth, between parallel lines, all more or less, American measure.

Said lot of ground is the remnant of a large portion of ground (say 130 feet front on St. Charles-st. by 170 feet in depth, between parallel lines, all, more or less, American measure) acquired with other property by the New-Orleans Gas-light Company from the New-Orleans Gas-light and Banking Company, and acquired by the New-Orleans Gas-light and Banking Company, together with other properties, from James H. Caldwell, Esq., on the 12th July, 1841.

It is stipulated in the act of sale conveying this property, that the openings in the wall dividing the "Murphy House," on the north side of the lot, and the St. Charles Theatre, shall remain as they are now, and the privileges of said openings shall continue for the use and benefit of any other building that may be hereafter erected in lieu of the St. Charles Theatre, on the line of said division wall.

Together with the building known as the ST. CHARLES THEATRE, all the improvements and fixtures, scenery, machinery and furniture thereunto belonging, under the conditions of a lease to Ben DeBar, which stipulates "that the improvements and fixtures now on the premises being those provided for and placed there under a former agreement between the company and Ludlow & Smith, dated 10th May, 1848, shall remain undisturbed as the property of the lessor, at the expiration of the lease, to be delivered along with the entire building, with the exception of the usual wear and tear, or loss or damage by fire, in good order."

The theatre is located in the most central and commercial part of the City of New-Orleans. The building was planned after the old Saint Charles Theatre, and has been the favorite and best known theatre for many years in the city; it has been thoroughly repaired at a large expense, and will be sold subject to the lease to Ben De Bar, at the rate of $8,000 per annum, which will expire on the 30th day of September, 1867.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS—One-third of the amount of adjudication to be paid in cash in U. S. Treasury notes, and the remainder in the notes of the purchaser, to his own order, payable at one, two and three years, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the date until maturity, and eight per cent. interest after maturity, if not punctually paid, until final payment. The interest will be required to be paid in coupon notes, payable semi-annually: the interest notes to bear interest at eight per cent. per annum after maturity, if not punctually paid.

The purchaser may pay the amount of the adjudication, or any part thereof, exceeding the one-third in cash, at his option.

The buildings, together with the fixtures, scenery, machinery and furniture sold, must be insured at their full value by the purchaser to the satisfaction of the vendor, and the policies transferred, until after the payment of the note payable at two years.

EDWARD SCHENCK, Auctioneer.

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WILL SELL AT AUCTION,

On TUESDAY, Dec. 19, 1865, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, New-York:

8TH-AV., SOUTHWEST CORNER 108TH-ST.—4 lots; corner lot 25.2x100; inside lots 25.2x100 feet.

8TH-AV., 109TH AND 110TH STS.—8 lots on 8th-av., comprising entire front; 8 lots on 109th-st., in the rear, corner, 25 feet 5 inches by 100 feet; inside lots, 25x100 feet 9 inches.

EAST 109TH-ST.—6 lots, south side, 250 feet east of 5th-av.; each lot 25x100 feet 9 inches.

WEST 110TH-ST.—4 lots, south side, 400 feet west of 8th-av.; each 25x100 feet 11 inches.

WEST 110TH-ST.—10 lots, north side, 100 feet west of 6th-av.; each lot 25x100 feet 11 inches.

WEST 111TH-ST.—10 lots, south side, 100 feet west of 6th-av.; each lot 25x100 feet 11 inches.

All of the above lots are very desirable, being on Central Park. Maps, &c., at the office of the auctioneers.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO.,
No. 3 Pine-st., near Broadway.

GOVERNMENT SALES.

SALE OF RESERVED HORSES.

QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12, 1865.

The Quartermaster-General of the army directs that all government horses now at Giesboro, D. C., be sold to the highest bidders.

Sales will therefore take place at Giesboro, D. C., beginning on THURSDAY NEXT, Dec. 14, 1865, and continuing on each TUESDAY and THURSDAY thereafter, until all are disposed of.

A boat will leave the 6th-st. wharf every hour on the days of sale.

These horses have been carefully selected, and are superior to any heretofore offered for sale.

Animals will be sold singly.

Sales to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

Terms—Cash in United States currency.

JAMES A. EKIN,
Brevet Brigadier-General in charge,
First Division, Q. M. G. O.

LARGE SALE OF GOVERNMENT MULES.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
DEPOT OF WASHINGTON,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5, 1865.

Will be sold at public auction, under the direction of Brevet Col. C. H. Tompkins, Q. M., at the Eastern Branch Corral, near Lincoln Hospital Depot, Washington, D. C., commencing WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, 1865, at 10 o'clock A. M., a superior lot of SIX HUNDRED GOVERNMENT MULES.

The Mules are well broken, matched, in fine condition, and may be considered, in every respect, a first-class lot.

They will be sold singly, to the highest bidder, and the sale will be continued from day to day until the whole number is sold.

Terms cash, in government funds.

D. H. RUCKER,
Brevet Major-General and Chief Quartermaster,
Depot of Washington.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

H. H. LEEDS & MINER WILL SELL BY auction, on WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS, Dec. 20 and 21, at 7½ o'clock each evening, at the Old Dusseldorf Gallery, No. 548 Broadway, next door below Tiffany & Co.'s store, A COLLECTION OF THE HIGHEST ORDER OF OIL-PAINTINGS, of the Berlin, French, Belgium and Dusseldorf Schools, belonging to Mr. Bailey, of Philadelphia.

This beautiful collection has been on exhibition at the National Art Academy in Philadelphia for the past month for the benefit of the Soldiers' Home, yielding a large amount for that institution. Among other great artists are the following:

Hildebrand,	Herzeg,	A. Achenbach,
Carl Becker,	Sell,	Klombeck,
Riefstahl,	Bower,	Erdmann,
Carl Hubner,	Torssaint,	Stammel,
Giddemann,	Leu,	Kauffman,
Gesselschap,	Hoquet,	Jacobson,
Meyerhelm,	Tait,	Volkers,
Webb,	Hilgers,	Robbe,
Seigert,	Verboeckhoven,	De Haas,
Knaus,	Litschauer,	Carl Hoff,
Breslot,	P. Arons,	F. Krauff, &c.

Also, a superb Roman Mosaic, five feet two inches long by two feet two inches broad, representing the Ruins of Pæstum, with scenery of the surrounding country, taking in a circuit of forty miles, said to be the largest and most perfect specimen ever exported from Rome. This splendid collection is now on exhibition as above, free during the day; also, on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday previous to the sale, with catalogues.

BUREAU OF ORDNANCE, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 4, 1865.

SALE OF A LOT OF CONDEMNED NAVY CANNON AT THE NAVY YARD, PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—Notice is hereby given, that there will be sold at the Navy-yard, Portsmouth, N. H., at public auction, on the 28th day of December, 1865, at noon, a large lot of old Navy Cannon.

These cannon will be sold by the pound to the highest bidder.

Terms cash in government funds, one-half of the purchase money to be paid at the end of the sale, and the remainder within ten (10) days afterward, at which time the cannon must be removed from the Navy-yard; otherwise they will revert to the government.

Further information regarding the sale will be given on application to the ordnance officer at the Portsmouth Navy-yard.

H. A. WISE,
Chief of Bureau of Ordnance,
Navy Department.

AUCTION SALES.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer.—Office No. 37 Nassau-st.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF A VALUABLE PRIVATE COLLECTION OF MODERN OIL PAINTINGS, On FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 22, at 7½ o'clock, at the SOMERVILLE ART GALLERY, No. 845 BROADWAY.

A collection of valuable modern Oil Paintings, containing samples by many of the most eminent American, French, and other foreign artists, purchased principally from the artists themselves, by the late owner. Among the specimens worthy of special attention, are works by

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FRERE,	VAN BEEST,
DELLESSART,	TROYON,
GEROME,	MELBY,
BARRON,	R. STREET,
LACROIX,	RONDEL,
VAN SEVERDONCK,	HECKLING,
VERNET,	LOSSIE,
H. BONNER,	KOEK KOEK,
A. HULK,	

The collection will be on exhibition four days prior to sale and catalogues ready.

BUREAU OF ORDNANCE, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 13, 1865.

SALE OF A LARGE LOT OF OLD AND UNSERVICEABLE NAVY CANNON.

Notice is hereby given that there will be sold at the Navy-yard, Brooklyn, N. Y., at public auction, on the 10th and 11th days of January, 1866, at noon, a large lot of old Navy cannon.

The cannon will be sold by the pound to the highest bidder. Terms cash, in government funds, one-half the purchase money to be paid at the end of the sale and the remainder within ten days afterward, at which time the cannon must be removed from the Navy-yard. Otherwise they will revert to the government.

Further information regarding the sale will be given on application to the Ordnance Officer at the Brooklyn Navy-yard.

H. A. WISE,
Chief of Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department.

EDWARD SCHENCK, Auctioneer.

SUPERB HOLIDAY FANCY GOODS, BRONZES, CLOCKS, STATUETTES, NECESSAIRES, GILT and ORMOLU GOODS, WORK-BOXES, ODOURS, BIJOUTERIES, GLOVE, CIGAR STAND, on TUESDAY, 19th inst., at 60 Liberty-st., at 11.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer—Salesroom No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-office.

MINER & SOMERVILLE WILL SELL at auction on TUESDAY, Dec. 19, at 10½ o'clock, at their salesroom, No. 37 Nassau-st., comprising 15 French plate mirrors, pier and mantel; Parisian made rosewood chairs, cottage suites, French bedsteads, mattresses, paillasses, chandeliers, office furniture, desks, &c., &c., &c.

ALSO,

For account of whom it may concern, 500 red plush, hair and mohair cushions, from 2 to 12 feet long; 150 carpets, 100 pieces oil-cloth, 300 boarding-pikes, 1,300 muskets, with sabres; 2 rosewood piano-fortes, 5,000 pounds feathers.

ON WEDNESDAY,

A very fine collection of stuffed animals, birds, deer, deer-heads, &c.

ON THURSDAY,

Sale of the choicest old wines, liquors, &c. The balance of stock of an old importing-house declining business.

ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,

A splendid collection of standard works, both English and American editions, most of which are admirably adapted for holiday gifts, bound in fine Turkey morocco, calf, &c.; mostly highly illustrated works, and being one of the choicest collections of books offered at auction this season.

ALSO,

A rare collection of choice fancy goods for the holidays, which are now landing, and will be on exhibition on THURSDAY.

C. W. BOTELER, JR., Auctioneer.

LARGE SALE OF SERVICEABLE AND DAMAGED HOSPITAL PROPERTY.

MEDICAL PURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16, 1865.

Will be sold at public auction, in this city, at Warehouses, 18th-st. and F-st., on FRIDAY, Dec. 22, 1865, at 10 o'clock A. M., a large quantity of serviceable and damaged hospital property, consisting of blankets, sheets, hair pillows, bedsacks, &c.

Purchasers will be required to pay for and remove property within forty-eight hours from termination of sale.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Surg. U. S. A., Med. Purveyor.

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NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 18, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, BROKER OF BOGOTA. Characters by Messrs. Edwin Forrest, J. G. Burnett, J. W. Collier, Becks, Nunan, Ralton, Holmes, Nolan, Rendle, &c.; Misses Agnes Perry and Maria Maeder.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 18, commencing at 8 o'clock, LOST IN LONDON. Characters by Messrs. J. W. Wallack, Fisher, Young, Browne, Pope, Williamson, Graham, Ward, Roberts; Madeline Henriques, Fanny Morant, Mary Barrett and Green.

WINTER GARDEN.
Broadway, between Bleecker and Amity sts.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 18, commencing at 8 o'clock, BABES IN THE WOOD and THE FAT BOY. Characters by Messrs. J. S. Clarke, Chas. Walcot, Jr., John Dyott, J. G. Hanley, Andrews, Bland, Miss Rose Eytinge, Mrs. C. Walcot, Kate Morton, Miss Andrews and others.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Canal and Hester sts.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 18, commencing at 7¼ o'clock, GUNMAKER OF MOSCOW, SPIRIT OF THE FOUNTAIN. Characters by Messrs. Grisdale, George Brooks, G. W. Thompson, Lingard, Stanton, Winter, Seabert, Mrs. W. G. Jones, Miss Annie Hyatt.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 18, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, MONTE CRISTO; Characters by Messrs. E. L. Davenport, Morton, Hind, Garrison, Lewis, Stoddard, Selwyn, Rockwell, Scott, Stanley; Misses Eliza Newton, Louisa Myers and Kate Newton.

BROADWAY THEATRE.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, SAM; Principal characters by Messrs. Chanfrau, Parsloe and others; and Miss Olive Logan. AFTERNOON—Matinée at 2½ o'clock—SAM.

FOX'S OLD BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 18, commencing at 7 o'clock, THE WOMAN OF THE WORLD; OR CLEVELAND HALL. Characters by Messrs. H. Whalley, Mestayer, Marden, Miss Fanny Herring.

BARNUM'S NEW MUSEUM.
Broadway, between Spring and Prince sts.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 18, at 7½ o'clock, QUEEN'S PAGE. Characters by Messrs. Daly, Hadaway, Jamieson, Wilton, Anderson, Mrs. Prior and Mrs. Jamieson. CIRCUS and the Living Curiosities.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS AND HIPPOTHEATRON.
14th-st., opposite the Academy of Music.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 18, commencing at 8 o'clock, JAMES ROBINSON and a complete troupe of Equestrian and Gymnastic Performers.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 18, commencing at 7½ o'clock, ICI PARLE FRANCAIS. Characters by N. Seymour and Dan Bryant.

AMERICAN THEATRE.
Broadway, between Howard and Grand sts.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 18, commencing at 7½ o'clock, OUT TO NURSE. Characters by the troupe. Ballet, songs, &c.

DODWORTH'S HALL.
Broadway, opposite Eleventh-st.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 18, commencing at 8 o'clock, MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR—PHAYLIN O'TOOLE'S COURTSHIP.

TONY PASTOR'S OPERA HOUSE.
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THIS EVENING, Dec. 18, DEMON'S REVEL. Characters by Tony Pastor and the whole troupe.

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THIS DAY AND EVENING—PAINTING AND STATUARY.

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Jersey City.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 18, CONCERT.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

GENERAL NEWS.

Col. E. WHITTLESEY, Assistant Commissioner for the State of North Carolina, reports to Gen. O. O. HOWARD, under date of Dec. 8, that acts of violence and serious difficulties between negroes and whites are very rare. None deserving mention have been reported during the month. The destitution is not so great as was anticipated, but there is reason to fear that it will increase before Spring. The Commissioner reports that from the western district of the State the freedmen are beginning to look for homes, and that contracts are made for the next year at fair wages, and many are renting lands on liberal terms. The greater part of the blacks understand that they must work, and are willing to do so. The temper of the better class of whites toward the blacks is good.

The Sandusky, Dayton and Cincinnati Railroad is advertised to be sold at auction on Friday, the 5th of January next, at the Court-house in Sandusky. By order of court the minimum price at which the road can be sold is $750,000. The sale is made to satisfy the sum of $1,367,742 due to holders of bonds and coupons issued under a mortgage of Feb. 1, 1851, of which DANIEL S. MILLER is sole surviving trustee, and $1,305,036 62 on bonds and coupons issued Feb. 1, 1865.

A dispatch to the Chicago *Tribune* conveys the intelligence that Col. WM. A. BARSTOW, of the Third Wisconsin Cavalry, and formerly Governor of that State, died at Leavenworth on the 13th inst., of chronic diarrhea, contracted while in the service. The Colonel held several civil positions of trust and responsibility, and was, up to the time of the breaking out of the rebellion, a member of the Democratic party. He was about sixty years of age, and was for a time on Gen. FREMONT'S Staff, and was highly esteemed and respected at the West.

A very exciting scene, involving a heavy loss of property, occurred at St. Louis on Friday last. The ice, which had become dammed up just below the city, and accumulated in large masses along the docks, suddenly gave way, and with so much force as to break loose vessels of every size, crushing and sinking many, and otherwise causing immense damage. The dispatch gives a rough estimate of the losses as amounting to more than $300,000.

Capt. HOOPER, delegate to Congress from Utah, reports the crops in Utah large, and all carefully gathered. Everything is decidedly prosperous. The demand for produce and goods from Idaho and Montano is active. The general improvement of the central territories of the continent is progressing finely, and all that is needed now is the Pacific Railway to develop their gold and silver districts.

A citizen of New-Orleans, who has just returned from Matamoras, reports that the French officers consider a war between the United States and France, on account of the Mexican question, as imminent, and that the Rio Grande valley will be the opening battle-ground. They profess to have already mapped out their first military operations.

The Richmond *Enquirer*, of the 16th inst., says that the report was current in the city that Gen. TERRY was about to issue an order prohibiting the sale of liquor until the 15th of January. The streets were alive with men who had "smelt the rat," and were busy with their bottles, demijohns and casks, laying in a month's supply.

The director of the Mint has made for the Secretary of the Treasury specimens of double-eagles, eagles, half eagles, dollars, halves and quarters, bearing the motto, "In God we Trust." The Secretary approves the designs, and the coins named made hereafter will bear this legend. The smaller coins do not afford room for the words.

The Canada papers state, that the right wing of the Seventeenth Regiment returned to Halifax on the 29th ult., from Jamaica, their services not being longer required there. They left on the 13th ult., and the remainder of the regiment was expected soon to follow. Executions, nevertheless, continued to be of daily occurrence in the island.

The Mississippi, at St. Louis, is nearly blocked with running ice. The river is frozen over at Dubuque, and nearly so at Quincy. Several boats are frozen in between the latter place and St. Louis. In Minnesota, for two days past, railroad trains have been frozen up, the mercury indicating a temperature of 24 deg. below zero.

Mr. GALT, the Canadian Minister who has been in Washington canvassing the prospect for a renewal of the Reciprocity Treaty, is reported to have given his colleagues to understand that they "must look out for some other countries for trade than the United States."

The Mississippi Legislature recently passed a bill prohibiting freedmen from renting or leasing lands, the knowledge of which being received in Washington, President JOHNSON directed it to be disregarded, and Gen. HOWARD immediately issued an order to the above effect.

At a meeting of the Alumni of Amherst College, held in Boston on Thursday, the Treasurer said that the college has half a million in money, and that he has just received $100,000 from the estate of the late Dr. WALKER, of Newport, and expected to receive as much more.

During the late visit of Mr. BURLINGAME, our Minister to China, at Washington, he was the recipient of marked attentions from the government and the diplomatic corps. He returns to his post with the highest confidence of the President and Cabinet.

The Philadelphia, Germantown, and Norristown Railroad Company has just had completed a new and very powerful freight locomotive for the Norristown branch of the road. The new engine is called the "*U. S. Grant*," and is capable of drawing one hundred cars.

Señor ROMERO has received officially the intelligence already published, that the Liberal Government was to leave El Paso on the 12th of November for Chihuahua, which had been abandoned by the French forces.

A destructive fire occurred in Lima, Livingston County, N. Y., on Saturday, burning three blocks in the central part of the town; loss about $20,000. Most of the mail matter in the post-office was also destroyed.

Kansas is to have a State University, to be located at Lawrence. It has an endowment of 46,000 acres of land, and $15,000 as an initiatory investment, and its prospects are said to be very encouraging.

WILLIAM WILLIS, who was to have been executed on Friday last, at Kingston, New-York, for the murder of Mrs. ROCKWELL, has received a respite and a change of sentence to imprisonment for life.

The State Department has received official notice of the ratification of the Constitutional Amendment by the Legislatures of Indiana, Georgia and Alabama.

Garroting and robbery are becoming so frequent in St. Louis, that the residents in a certain section of the city have organized a vigilance committee for protection.

Hon. J. H. BEVERIDGE, the Treasurer of the National Lincoln Monument Association, reports the amount on hand on the 14th inst. to be $60,867 96—an increase of $6,129 75 within the last fortnight.

A disastrous fire occurred at Chicago on Saturday, destroying several buildings on the corner of Lake and Franklin streets. The total loss will be about $250,000.

President JOHNSON has positively declined to accept a carriage made for him by the workmen of the army repair workshop, after their working hours, and it has been purchased by Secretary STANTON.

Burglars attempted to enter the residence of P. T. BARNUM, Wednesday night, but his alarm telegraph, (a good thing to have in the house,) frightened them away.

Rev. N. G. CLARK, A. M., Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature in Union College, has resigned his place, to assume the duties of Secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions.

Hon. THOMAS RYAN has been appointed a Commissioner by the Canadian Government to inquire into the means of extending direct trade with British America and countries on the Mediterranean.

Some of the capitalists of Erie, Penn., are contemplating the establishment of a line of vessels between that port and Europe for the transportation of oil.

A fire at Madison, Wis., on the 15th inst., destroyed the City Hotel and adjoining property; loss $20,000, one-half insured.

The Commission on the Agricultural College of Ohio have decided to locate it at Oxford, to be incorporated with the Miami University.

In the Louisiana Legislature a bill has been introduced providing for the establishment of a Bureau in aid of Federal and Confederate disabled soldiers.

Lieut.-Gen. SCOTT arrived at New-Orleans on the 12th inst.

LOCAL NEWS.

The obsequies of Signor ROVERO, late of the Italian Opera, were performed in Rev. Dr. CUMMINGS' Church, in Twenty-eighth-street, yesterday at noon. Rev. Dr. CUMMINGS appeared in public the first time since his recent painful illness, but was too feeble to conduct the services, and in his stead Rev. Dr. McGLYNN officiated. A chorus and solo singers from the Maretzek opera troupe, combined with the choir of St. Stephen's Church, executed a magnificent requiem by ROSSI, and solos from ROSSINI'S Stabat Mater. The remains were borne to Calvary Cemetery, and there deposited in a tomb to await transportation to Italy, where Signor ROVERO'S son and several daughters dwell. The Italian Benevolent Society contemplate the erection, in Calvary Cemetery, of a suitable cenotaph in memory of their late distinguished member. ROVERO was 61 years of age.

The case of The People *vs.* JOHN HACKETT, who was tried in the court of Oyer and Terminer for causing the death of JOHN GREEN by stabbing, was submitted to the jury on Friday, and on Saturday afternoon they came into court with their verdict finding the prisoner guilty of murder in the first degree. He was remanded for sentence.

The Board of City Canvassers on Saturday decided to receive the disputed election returns of the Seventh District of the Seventh Ward and Eleventh District of the Fourth Ward. The canvass is now complete, and the result will be officially declared today.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on Rev. ALEXANDER R. THOMPSON, minister of the Reformed Dutch Church, Twenty-first-street, in this city, by the Council of the University of the City of New-York, in session on the 13th inst.

In the United States Circuit Court, Saturday, Justice SHIPMAN sentenced FRANCISCO BUHAGIER, a counterfeiter of United States currency, to pay a fine of $5,000, and be confined in the State Prison for fifteen years.

Three hundred barrels of whisky, seized by the United States Internal Revenue Department and confiscated, were sold at auction in Brooklyn on Saturday at $2 33 per gallon.

Money was lent on call at 6 per cent. on Saturday. Gold fell back to 145⅞ per cent. Government stocks in active request. The Railway speculation quite buoyant. Exchange, 109⅜@109½ per cent.

Saturday was a rather dull day in general business. Produce and Merchandise were in less request. Flour and Wheat were firmer. Cotton and Corn heavy. Pork and Hogs lower. The freight engagements were moderate, with 581 vessels of all classes in port.

The Reception of the President's Message, North and South.

It is a very significant fact that the President's Message has been alike strongly commended by almost the entire press of the North and almost the entire press of the South. No such agreement upon an Executive deliverance of this sort has been displayed within the memory of this generation. Every message far back has particularly pleased one section and displeased the other. Each section was sure to judge it by its own peculiar standards of sentiment and of interest, and to approve or condemn as those standards differed. That was at a period when both were living peaceably, and had no dream of blood. Yet now, within eight months of the close of a four years' conflict of the most dreadful character between the sections, a Presidential Message has appeared to which both sections give their most cordial approval. We say it is an extraordinary and most auspicious fact.

In itself, it is a complete proof that there is ground upon which both sections can now stand in common, and lose all sectional feeling. It cannot be said that this joint satisfaction comes from any trick of speech, whereby each section was flattered and beguiled. President JOHNSON nowhere either evaded or glossed. He set forth the issues and the necessary consequences of the war in the most explicit terms, and as clearly as possible marked out his plan of reconciliation and reunion. There are points all through his treatment of the subject upon which a controversial or caviling spirit might easily fasten. He could not otherwise have done any justice to the truth. Yet hardly anywhere, among those public journals, North or South, which are the exponents of the public feeling, is there a disposition to indulge in controversy or cavil. The President's views and recommendations are broadly accepted, with very little care whether or not they tally with old theories and prepossessions. This can denote nothing else than that the uppermost wish of the people in both sections is to be harmonized.

Congress will make a grievous mistake if it fails to take special note of this sign of the times. There is always a tendency in legislative bodies to work themselves insensibly away from the actual sentiment of the people. There is a self-importance in the leaders which is apt to be ever troubling itself about personal consistency, and which, for the mere sake of the thing, is inclined to follow any bent that has once been taken. Then again discussion is apt to generate an artificial heat which warps the judgment, and to excite a party feeling that discolors and misshapes. The representatives of the people are bound to guard themselves specially, at the present time, against all such influences. The popular approval of the sentiments and policy of the President's Message can come from nothing but calm sense and good feeling, and should be a mark to guide every step of Congress toward reconstruction. It is the duty of Congress to have primary regard in all that it does to the spirit of conciliation with which the message was pervaded, and to which the popular heart everywhere has so warmly responded. Our representatives could possibly make no greater mistake than to disregard this popular feeling, and fall in with the policy of obstruction and delay which some extreme men are laboring for with great persistence.

It ought never to be forgotten that the faith of the government has been in a certain measure, pledged to the Southern States for an early restoration of their State functions. The President declares in his message that the success of his policy "required at least the acquiescence of the States which it concerns, and implied an *invitation* to those States, by renewing their allegiance to the United States, to resume their functions as States of the Union." This invitation was accompanied with suggestions that ordinances shall be passed forever prohibiting slavery, putting the formal stigma of nullity upon the secession ordinances and repudiating all debts contracted in aid of the rebellion; and that a legislative ratification of the Constitutional Amendment should be given. These suggestions have been substantially complied with; and the Southern States are now awaiting their promised privilege of resuming "their functions as States of the Union." So far as the action of the Executive goes but one thing remains to be done to complete this; the withdrawing of the Commissions given to the Provisional Governors, and thus making way for the Governors elected by the people. The President has signified his intention to do this within a very few days. Thereby he will fully redeem, so far as his action is concerned, all the faith pledged in the name of the government. There will remain but one thing to be done by any branch of the government to complete the reconstruction. That is, the readmission of the Southern representatives into the national legislature. President JOHNSON, in advising the Southern States to go into elections for members of Congress, of course did not engage that those thus elected would be received by Congress, because the constitution gives the legislative branch the sole power of passing upon the elections and qualifications of its members. Yet Congress is bound, in this case, not to push its independence to an extreme, but to act with some reference to the stages of reconstruction completed by President JOHNSON. The government, though divided into executive, legislative and judicial departments, all coördinate, yet each independent within its own sphere, is a unity; and the head and exponent of the government is the Executive. The dealings of the States lately subdued from rebellion with the Executive were dealings with the government; and they carried with them a certain faith which all branches of the government should recognize and respect.

When the Confederacy was so suddenly overthrown, Congress was not in session, and would not regularly convene for eight months. To reëstablish order and loyalty in the theatre of the rebellion, the President had no alternative but to adopt a definite policy. The merciful and conciliatory intentions of his lamented predecessor commended themselves to his heart and judgment; and his whole action toward the Southern States has been shaped in accordance therewith up to the present time. The success, though not perhaps in every minute particular all that could be desired, has yet on the whole been far greater than any one would have dared to predict while the conflict was yet raging. The manifestations of good-will and confidence by the President, through which this success in reconstruction thus far has been gained, ought to be kept up by Congress in its completion of the work. The policy to which the government, through the Executive, has committed itself, should be maintained consistently to the end. If what President JOHNSON calls the "invitation" to the Southern States be now exchanged by Congress for repulses, it will be an assumption of the gravest responsibility. The consistency, and we believe we may say, the good faith of the government must suffer from it; and new animosities will be excited throughout the South which will not die away for years. The approval of the President's Message by the people, North and South, is a popular ratification of the policy he has acted upon. Let Congress set itself against all attempts to contravene it.

The Freedmen and their late Employers.

Each succeeding day brings additional proof that, if the moderate men of the South, such as Gov. JENKINS of Georgia, are allowed *some* discretion in determining the future status of the freedmen, it will fare at least as well with the emancipated population as if we provided a sumptuary code for their guidance and protection in Washington or Boston.

Nothing, we take it, can be more liberal, kindly, or temperate than the spirit which pervades Gov. JENKINS' inaugural address on this very question of the negroes' future. The Governor pays them a handsome tribute for their conduct during the war. He says they must be thoroughly protected in their personal property, and have the right to enter the courts. He says they should be encourged to work, and then they would be the best working class, and their late owners the best employers in the world.

It is quite likely that even this exhibition of kindly temper will be construed by a class of professional philanthropists among us into an insult to the negro race. It seems to be part of the modern doctrine of the negrophilists, that the freedmen should not be subjected to the degradation of being admonished to *work*. The worst of it is that this extra sensibility on account of the race does not tend to elevate it. It presents honest labor before a community unaccustomed to think and act for itself, as a sort of indignity upon its newly-acquired manhood, and makes it a species of heroic patriotism for able-bodied male Africans to resist the inducements to honest industry held out by their late employers.

The end of this—if it shall turn out that we have a party at the North strong enough to aim at the spurious exaltation of the freedmen at the expense of the rest of the community—it is not difficult to foresee. Labor, as a means of independence, will be at a discount among the emancipated class. Contracts for an exchange between unskilled industry and capital will be held to be a badge of degradation. The antagonism between the employer and those who *ought to be employed* will grow and fructify, until we shall reap such a harvest of misery and social disorder as they are now experiencing in the West Indies.

On the other hand, let the employers—the governing class at the South—be encouraged, as Gov. JENKINS asks that they be, in seeking to establish mutually just and kindly relations with the emancipated class, and we shall escape all the dangers of anarchy, and many—if not all—of the evils of industrial stagnation and social disorganization. The great problem of *keeping the two races together* in the lately insurgent States on terms which shall be mutually advantageous, must be solved *at the South*—in the local Southern Legislatures, in the local courts of justice, in the Executive council chambers of just such Governors as Judge JENKINS. Every feather's weight of *extra official* pressure from without will most surely produce a reaction in the minds of the better disposed of the employers at the South. And nothing that the philanthropy of the North can contribute will be a compensation to the freedman for his forfeiture of the good-will and kindly coöperation of those who have heretofore directed his labor.

Manufactures in the South.

The South never manufactured its own principal staple. Georgia did something, both before the war and during it, in the way of manufacturing coarse cotton cloths; but the quantity of cotton used in this, as compared with the product of the State, was very small. South Carolina never did anything, we may almost say. Large amounts of money have been raised, and tremendous efforts made, during the last twenty years, to establish factories at or near Charleston and Columbia. The buildings were erected, and operatives even were imported from New-England; but at neither of these places could the experiment be made anything approaching a success; and SHERMAN'S army swept away the last vestige of the "Saluda Cotton Factory" in its march across South Carolina. In the great planting States of the Gulf, there never was any manufacturing worthy of mention. A well known story in the South is that of the planter near the Savannah River, who hauled his cotton by team from his plantation to the river, down which it was sent to Savannah on a boat, from which in time it was sent by steamship to New-York, whence it was transported by railroad to some town in the interior of New-England, where it was manufactured into cloth, after which it was returned by railroad to New-York, shipped back again to Savannah, carried up the river, and then hauled by team to the plantation from whence it originally came, where it was finally used as shirting for the negroes.

So far as the machinery required for manufacturing was concerned, the South could procure it in equal abundance and facility with any other part of the country. So far as water-power was required, nearly every Southern State furnished it in superabundance. Capital, also, on more than one occasion, exhibited its willingness to migrate to the South to the full extent it could be employed in this line. The one thing wanting to make a success out of manufacturing in the South was the proper kind of *labor*. Negro slave labor was unadapted to the processes and operations of manufacturing. The working classes among the whites never would engage steadily in labors of this kind, nor, for that matter, to any extent, in labors of any other kind. It was found, so far as tried, that Northern operatives could not be retained in the South. They found themselves vituperated, kept under surveillance as suspicious persons or abolitionists, and otherwise treated in a style to which the free and independent workmen of the Northern States were not accustomed. It was mainly in consequence of this impossibility of obtaining intelligent and skilled labor, that the Slave States, each and all, always failed in all their attempts to establish manufacturing upon a respectable footing.

It looks now as if this condition of affairs would, in short time, be changed. We hear from almost every Southern State of the large influx of Northern people as settlers. Take Georgia for example. To its upper section there is from our Northwestern States a migratory stream of men, a large proportion of whom have been there before, in uniforms of blue. To its lower section there is a tide of emigration from the Middle and Eastern States of the North. In advancing, these two bodies meet about the central parts of Georgia, in the region in which are located Augusta, Milledgeville, Macon, and other thriving towns. They take with them the ingenuity, the skill, the industrious habits and the intelligence of Northern workmen and operatives. It is not to Georgia alone that such movements are quietly in progress. Other Southern States are experiencing them, some in lesser and some in greater volume. Thus the South will very speedily have a large population, accustomed to all the operations of all branches of manufacturing. Thus and through this means will assuredly be established there those lines of industry, which have heretofore always failed because of one deficiency.

The development in this direction has already begun, and it will be interesting to Northern manufacturers and capitalists, Northern operatives and merchants, and all classes North and South, to watch its progress.

Counterfeiting—Its Punishment—A Step in the Right Direction.

The Circuit Court of the United States did a large amount of business on Saturday, which, we hope, will not be without a good effect upon the community.

It tried and convicted one man for passing counterfeit hundred dollar notes, and sentenced him to the State Prison for six years, and it sentenced two other men who had previously been convicted of having counterfeit currency in their possession, with intent to pass it.

One of the latter cases—that of FRANCISCO BUHAGIER—was an important one, for he was convicted of having in his possession over $100,000 of this fraudulent currency, and the Judge, in sentencing him, remarked upon the clearness of the case, showing that he was connected with the manufacturers of the stuff, and imposed upon him the very proper sentence of fifteen years imprisonment in the State Prison, and a fine of $5,000.

We have no doubt that this is a step in the right direction. One such conviction and sentence of a manufacturer will do more to put a check to the flood of counterfeit currency which is spreading over the land than that of a dozen men who are caught passing it. On this account we are glad to see the severity of this sentence. The evil is an increasing one. The courts in this city and Brooklyn spend a great deal of time in disposing of such cases, and there are now pending before them several equal in magnitude to any that have come up, if not exceeding them. Severe punishments alone will check the practice, and they must be inflicted upon the principals.

It was the same with the slave-trade. Just as long as the slave-traders found that at the worst they only lost their vessels, or had some brief imprisonment imposed, not upon themselves, but upon the tools whom they hired to sail their vessels, the common sailors, their trade flourished. But just as soon as one master of a slaver was hung, and one or two owners sent to the State Prison, the trade stopped at once, and the slave-trade branch of the criminal proceedings in the Court of the United States in this port, which occupied a great portion of their time under the administrations of Presidents PIERCE and BUCHANAN, has gone to nothing. There has not been a case for years.

An application of the same measures to counterfeiting will, we are confident, bring about, in a measure, similar results.

We cannot but add, also, that the refusal of a pardon in Capt. GORDON'S case, in spite of all the pressure that was brought to bear upon President LINCOLN, did more than any other thing to strike terror to the hearts of the slave-traders. Similar causes will again produce similar results, while one pardon of a notorious counterfeiter too easily procured, may be the means of increasing tenfold the volume of counterfeit currency. We trust that any manufacturers of it, who may be once convicted, may be invariably allowed to bear the full weight of whatever sentence is imposed by the courts, and that the latter will not fail to do their full duty when any such cases come before them.

UNREASONABLE COMPLAININGS.—Mr. HECKER'S special organist complains that that gentleman, after spending $35,000 on the Mozart and Citizens' machines, only received about one-ninth of the votes cast in the late charter election. This complaint is altogether unreasonable. Mr. HECKER used the very weakest sort of instruments that his own, or any other party could supply. He paid them, no doubt, liberally, as his organist admits, but they only served to damn him. The simple announcement of Mr. ROBERTS' name through the columns of The TIMES brought to that gentleman's support more than *three times* the number of votes that Mr. HECKER found it possible or convenient to purchase. Nothing can show more clearly the utter futility of candidates for public honors wasting their means in buying up purchasable journals as agencies for influencing public opinion. The people seem to know by instinct when an aspirant is engaged in the enterprise of "raising" popular sentiment at so much per vertical yard. There is an intuitive sense which guides the honest voter in all such cases. And Mr. HECKER must have come out of the late contest a wiser, if not a happier man. He will know, hereafter, if he is not entirely stolid, that the "happy family" arrangement, with its posters and its organ-grinding, is properly the showman's business, and that an expenditure of thirty-five thousand dollars, or ten times that amount, in laying siege to public opinion, gives a profitable return only when minors and the large non-voting class are to be operated on. It would seem, moreover, to be rather strange that after Mr. HECKER paid so much for making his organs talk before and during the election, he should not have paid a *little* additional to keep them silent after it was over.

APPEALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS.—We hold that leading journals should be careful in admitting to their columns appeals for contributions to the innumerable charities now before the public, and more especially the appeals of those who claim to be agents and promoters of such charities. We receive almost daily some new appeal, with urgent request to give it voice in the TIMES. Most of them come from names quite unknown to us, and all bear the same burden—the pressing necessity of aid for the freedmen and poor whites of the South. Except where we have reason to believe the authors sincere, we are compelled to give these appeals to the chip-basket. There is one great organization—the Freedmen's Bureau, under the control of Gen. HOWARD—and another, the Freedman's Aid Association. It would be well for every zealous friend of the main object to work through these channels only; for if we are to have every itinerant exhorter and pedagogue appealing to us for special aid in his special district, with little or no assurance for the proper use of the money, the result will be a general distrust of the whole business, and a serious reduction of the resources of the responsible bodies above referred to. We are quite willing to lend all reasonable assistance in a proper channel, but certainly must decline to print anonymous or ever-so-well-signed cards that call for money to be sent to Tom, Dick and Harry, with no positive surety for its proper use.

THE NEW LEGEND ON OUR COINS.—In compliance with an act of Congress the Director of the Mint has caused the legend "In God we Trust" to be engraved in the dies of the double eagle, eagle, half eagle, dollar, half and quarter dollars, and has had specimens in *copper* of all these made for the inspection of the Secretary of the Treasury. The Director has made these words subjective to the old mottoes, "E Pluribus Unum," "United States of America," &c., which, by right of priority, he thinks, must naturally overshadow our trust in a Supreme Being; while for the smaller coins he rejects the Trust in God altogether, because there is no room for it. This marked slight of the nickels does not speak well for the Mint's reverence; for when, Mr. Director, do you suppose the masses of the people will see your "In God we Trust" if you confine it to gold and large silver. This new legend may be well enough; but is it quite in place, on the commonest and basest of all human manufactures—the filthy lucre that serves the meanest of our needs? In view of our recent struggle for national life, does it not sound somewhat like a death-bed repentance? Does it not remind one of the significant words of the MASTER, whose estimate of this common medium was expressed in the words: "Whose image and superscription is this?" Without questioning the good motives that led to the enactment of this new form of national worship, we respectfully submit that such tract-printing by the government is always improper, and, just now especially, ill-timed. It reminds one unpleasantly of the "Dei gratia" of the divine-right schools of Europe. Let us try to carry our religion—such as it is—in our hearts, and not in our pockets.

A "CONTINUED" STORY.—The Memphis *Bulletin* has commenced the publication of the report of Lieut.-Gen. GRANT, given complete in the TIMES of the 6th. The *Bulletin* of the 9th, devotes nearly three-quarters of one of its columns to the document, and then, after the style of the weekly story-papers, says, "To be continued." If it give as much of its space each day to the report as it does in the issue of the 9th, it will require the *Bulletin sixteen days* to publish it in full. This will furnish its patrons excellent reading material from day to day for the greater part of the month.

AMUSEMENTS.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.—The second concert of the present season took place on Saturday evening, at the Academy of Music, and the attendance, we are glad to say, exhibited a marked improvement on that of the first concert. This was attributable, we believe, to the eclectic character of the programme. There was a little of everything, and everything, happily, was of the best. BEETHOVEN'S Eighth Symphony, with its popular *scherzando* and *minuetto*, has never been played better. Indeed, the excellence of the orchestra throughout the entire concert was surprising. Even MENDELLSOHN'S music to the "Midsummer Night's Dream," with its delicate flutterings of fancy and filmy texture of harmony, was rendered clearly. We are sure that the revival of this music has added considerably to the subscription list of the society. Its performance was certainly all that could be desired. Mr. BERGMANN is one of the few conductors who know the difference between what is quaint and that which is merely grotesque—a difference which was not apprehended by the writer of the silly stuff which was published on the back of the programme, descriptive of this music. The scribbler of this delectable bosh likens the overture to "the trunk of a majestic tree, from which twigs and branches spread in every direction!" He says also, with admirable German frankness, "that it cannot be denied that just such music as occurs in the drama was wanting to make the idea complete"—meaning SHAKESPEARE'S idea. We have every respect for MENDELLSOHN, but this seems to us to be going a little too far. The drama referred to has had some success; and, if we are not mistaken, it was quite favorably spoken of before MENDELLSOHN was born. Even now it is more often played without his music than with it, and yet we seldom hear complaints of its incompleteness.

BARGIEL'S overture to "Prometheus" is a long, elaborate and interesting work. It exhibits the technical knowledge of the composer, rather than his invention. The rhythms are strongly marked, the combinations rich, the treatment open and bold; but the ideas are short and feverish, and there is certainly no trace of that immortal anguish, that grand epic tribulation, which the legend gives us. Nevertheless, the work is interesting.

Mr. JEHIN PRUME, the violinist, was the soloist. He played MENDELLSOHN'S well-known Concerto in E with superb clearness and connection. The gentleman's tone is not important, but his execution is tremendous, and in every respect musical and true.

The Premises of the Corporation Counsel.

NEW-YORK, Sunday, Dec. 17, 1865.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Adopting the errors of the *Evening Post* with reference to the proposed leasing of the premises Nos. 115 and 117 Nassau-street, you have stated the matter incorrectly. The facts are as follows: I am the owner of the two six-story marble buildings situated as above, running from Nassau-street to Theatre-alley, being, together, fifty feet wide by over one hundred feet deep, valued at $200,000. The corporation leased of me, three years ago, nearly the whole, and the best part of both buildings, for the use of the Law Department, comprising rooms for the Corporation Counsel, rooms for the Corporation Attorney, and rooms for the Public Administrator. These apartments were fitted up at great expense to adapt them to the required purposes.

The proposition is now to renew the existing leases, and of course, at advanced rents. Everybody knows that rents of this class of property have materially risen within three years. The store No. 117 Nassau-street, leased by AYRES & AMES of me three years ago, at $1,800 per annum, has just been renewed by the same parties at $4,000 per annum, and at the same ratio of advance other contiguous premises are sought for.

If the city procures for the Law Department other similar premises, as eligible and as conveniently located, the probability is it will pay as much rent, beside the cost of fitting them up and adapting them to the object. The resolution to renew these leases was passed by both Boards of the Common Council, having received every vote but one, Republicans included, and has been approved by the Mayor. I know of no objection which can be made to it, even by a partizan, as a business transaction, excepting the not uncommon one, that the premises are owned by your obedient servant.

FERNANDO WOOD.

LE TEMPS.—Col. A. REPETTI has established an agency at No. 678 Broadway for the weekly edition of *Le Temps*, published in Paris as the organ of the Liberals. During the war, *Le Temps* defended the American cause steadily and ably. For this reason alone, it might ask for a generous support here, but it does this upon its merits exclusively. It numbers among its contributors MM. ODILLON BARROT, LOUIS BLANC, EUGENE PELLETAN, and a number of other writers widely known in this country. The subscription price is $8 per annum.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

CHRISTMAS.

Its Literary Aspect in New-York.

It needs but a walk through our Metropolitan bookstores at this season of the year—the holy-tide of Advent among Episcopalians, precursor of the great social and ecclesiastical festival of Christmas—to prove the enduring vitality of old associations when they are connected and intertwined with the exercise of the kindly charities of life, the promotion of good feeling toward each and all, the oblivion of former strifes and quarrels, and the recognition of the great truths announced in the "voice from heaven" that proclaimed "Peace on earth, good will toward men." No longer the mark of a sectional religion opposed or defended with polemic zeal, Christmas Day has made good its claims to be the great holiday of the Anglo-Saxon race—acknowledged a day when Prelatist and Puritan alike give themselves up to the benevolent influences that hover around it, and consecrate, as a great Sabbath of humanity, the anniversary whose sacred remembrances can most nearly be brought home to every heart, by following out, as best we may, the example of Him who "went about doing good." Among the articles dedicated by immemorial usage to the purpose of expressing affection, awakening interest, and evincing gratitude as Christmas presents, Books have always held a prominent place. The barbaric glitter of gems and gold may exercise a superior fascination for uncultivated minds, but a book is a thing apart—fashioned for diviner uses—the medium for a more sympathetic communion between the giver and the receiver; in a word, not a dead creature but a thing of life, that often conveys, more expressively than his faltering accents could, the cherished purpose of the donor, "what most he wishes yet fears to say." In the vast supplies of illustrated and embellished literature tricked out in holiday garb that our bookstores now exhibit in glittering array, every taste may be gratified, and every shade of feeling expressed by those who would nicely graduate their gifts. A hasty glance at some of the leading *specialités* of the most prominent establishments is all that our space will allow. Besides the books mentioned below, in connection with the houses from which they emanate as publishers, it must be borne in mind that there is an immense substratum of choicely-assorted books, common to each store, and that the purchaser can hardly go astray who, with the means in hand, seeks to gratify his own taste while giving pleasure to others.

—The time-honored establishment of Messrs. D. APPLETON & Co., Nos. 443 and 445 Broadway, naturally takes the lead in an enumeration of this kind. Though at the command of the ever-shifting genius of trade, the present location is the fourth occupied by the firm since its establishment in New-York, the character of the house remains unchanged. It is alike renowned for the magnitude and success of its enterprises, and is equally at home in furnishing a *Webster's Spelling Book*, in boards, at 12½ cents, or the *New American Cyclopædia*, in half Russia, at $120 per copy. Their leading gift-book for the season is an elegant volume, published in conjunction with Messrs. LONGMAN, of London, *Life of Man, Symbolized by the Months of the Year*, a quaintly conceived and superbly decorated quarto, illustrated with several hundred wood engravings of the highest quality. They also publish for the American market the two recent beautiful editions of *The New Testament*, in which the fine arts, as of old, are appropriately employed in the embellishment of this best book. *The New Testament, with Designs from the Old Masters*, and numberless richly designed ornamental borders, head-pieces, etc., was executed under the artistic supervision of Mr. HENRY SHAW. It is one of the most successful examples of ornamentation applied to literature ever executed. It forms one volume royal quarto, and in the morocco binding of HUYDAY constitutes a present that may well pass down in families as an heir-loom to future ages, a specimen of the perfection of the arts in our time. The other illustrated New Testament is accompanied with a "plain explanatory comment," by two eminent English divines, and is appropriately embellished with beautiful wood engravings of sacred scenes and localities, from original photographs. It is in two volumes octavo, and though less assuming in its pretensions than the rival edition, will, in typographical and artistic merit, bear a comparison with it. An ornamental edition of *Christian Ballads*, by Dr. CLEVELAND COXE, due to the taste of Mr. JOHN A. HOWS, is another of the seasonable publications of this house. Their general stock of handsome books is abundant in engraved galleries of art and illustrated works on various branches of the fine arts; standard works in elegant binding, both English and American, and also—a feature peculiar to Messrs. APPLETON—in every variety of stereoscopic and photographic pictures and apparatus, including the latest European novelties in that highly popular branch of art.

—Messrs. HURD & HOUGHTON, of No. 401 Broadway, though by no means confined to one department of holiday books, have apparently laid themselves out to cater, by special effort, for juvenile tastes. The books they have produced in this line excel in variety and execution any they have yet offered to the American public, and entitle them to the lasting gratitude of the rising generation. Foremost among them are two miniature quartos, *The Divine and Moral Songs of Dr. Watts*, and Mrs. BARBAULD'S book, the classic of the last generation, now anew revived with unfaded attraction, *Hymns in Prose for Children*, each of them is illustrated with one hundred cuts, perfect "gems of art," exhibiting the resources of the style to the utmost perfection yet attained. Their edition of *Æsop's Fables* has already received wide attention, as being, in the opinion of the most competent judges, the best printed book ever issued in America. A rush of nursery classics, *Little Red Riding Hood, Mother Hubbard, Cock Robin, The Children in the Wood*, &c., now bewilders us. Each one in its tastefully gilt attire and wealth of colored plates, is sufficiently attractive to captivate the juvenile mind, ever susceptible to good and pleasing literature, such as Mr. STODDARD'S new readings of the old stories affords. The *Holiday Book*, of Messrs. HURD & HOUGHTON, for more advanced readers, includes a very attractive octavo, with no less than one hundred engravings, by the élite of the English school, illustrated by the pens of popular authors. *Pictures of Society, Grave and Gay*; two elegant illuminated quartos, *The Twenty-third Psalm*, and the *Three Kings of the Orient, A Christmas Carol*, &c. Nor must be omitted the artists' edition of the *Sketch Book*, the most costly volume to produce ever executed in this country, for it is here that Mr. GEO. P. PUTNAM dispenses through this firm the great variety of choice editions of IRVING'S works, which he is content to regard as his chief professional achievement, when looking back on an active and profitably spent life, to others as well as to himself. WASHINGTON IRVING is an author never out of place, whose writings readily assimilate with the richest or the plainest possible attire. They may here be had in every variety of style. Though but recent dwellers in Broadway, Messrs. HURD & HOUGHTON make no long stay amidst its fascinations. "They hear a voice we cannot hear, which summons them away," with golden melodies, perfectly irresistible, and accordingly vacate their store, at the summons of the mighty dollar, on the 3d of January next, for a less prominent location in Broome-street, and consequently offer their large retail stock on unusually favorable terms.

—Messrs. CHARLES SCRIBNER & Co., No. 124 Grand-street, (Brooks' Building, corner of Broadway,) have this year produced one of the most attractive gift-books of the season, embellished in a style of peculiar richness—*Christian Armour; or, Illustrations of the Christian Warfare*, symbolised by St. Paul in his well-known exhortations. It is a beautiful volume in quarto, containing fifteen superbly illuminated plates, richly emblazoned in gold and colors in the style of the old vellum missal decorations, and is appropriately and substantially bound. The other Christmas work, *The Book of Rubies*, is a choice selection of the most admired love poems in English, from the Elizabethan writers to the poets of our own day. It is printed and decorated with equal typographical skill and taste, and forms a gift volume of unexceptionable attractions. The standard books issued in a style of acknowledged excellence by this firm are Lord DERBY's *Iliad of Homer*, FORSYTH's *Life of Cicero*, FROUDE's *History of England*, DUYCKINCK's *Cyclopedia of American Literature*, (new and enlarged edition,) Hon. George P. MARSH's works, the writings of Timothy Titcomb, (Dr. J. G. HOLLAND,) Ik Marvel, (D. C. MITCHELL, Esq.,) and many others, can scarcely be excelled as books appropriate for presents, when richly bound by the best workmen in various styles, as may be seen at the publishers. JONES' Magnetic Globes, and the Map of Physical Geography, by Prof. GUYOT, are also objects produced by this firm that are daily gaining currency throughout the country, and are winning universal support. In the English importing and London publishing agency of SCRIBNER & Co. will be found one of the most choice and extensive stocks of English books in New-York, including many novelties in illustrated literature, now opening from the latest arrivals. Prominent among them is the superb edition of DANTE's *Inferno*, as translated by CARY, with the unrivaled drawings of GUSTAVE DORE, seventy in number, exhibiting a power of imagination and skill in handling that places the artist almost on a level with the poet. Messrs. SCRIBNER & Co. are agents for the sale of BOHN's Libraries in America, the fine editions of the Oxford and Clarendon presses, and offer an immense stock of these and other equally valuable productions, at low rates.

—Messrs. BUNCE & HUNTINGTON, No. 459 Broome-street, may congratulate themselves on producing one of the most tasteful, chaste, and gracefully illustrated volumes that has ever issued from the American press. *The Festival of Song* will be found well to deserve these epithets. The seventy-three illustrations all, without exception, by the leading artists of our own Academy of Design, make it, in effect, a picture-gallery of American graphic art, while the copious selections of the letter-press constitute an anthology of the most popular English and American poetry. A very large outlay must be required to produce a volume like the present, original to the closest minutiæ, and we are happy to hear that its merit is promptly acknowledged and responded to by the book-loving public. The same good taste displayed in *The Festival of Song*, reigns in the other productions of Messrs. BUNCE & HUNTINGTON—*Melodies and Madrigals from the Old Poets*, *Golden Leaves from the Dramatic Poets*, *Favorite Poets*, &c.—and will stamp with permanent reputation this young and adventurous house.

—The ever active press of Mr. G. W. CARLETON, No. 413 Broadway, is constantly pouring forth a rapid succession of novelties that show the publisher can have but little time at his disposal for the production of more elaborate works of the presentation class. Still the elegant illuminated impression of his clever and graphic *jeu d'esprit*, *Our Artist in Cuba*, the fine edition of VICTOR HUGO's *Les Miserables*, a noble quarto, *The Central Park in the Stereoscope*, and other works of his that might be named, show that the publisher is not unmindful of the fine arts, in the practice of which he is himself no inconsiderable proficient.

—Messrs. HARPER & BROTHERS, Franklin-square, have for some years past resigned to less busy and constantly occupied hands the preparation of special novelties for the holyday season. There is, however, no publisher's list in the country from which a more generally acceptable selection of works for the purpose could be made, as all will agree who remember their fine series of standard histories, travels, biographies, etc. Their large stock of juvenile books include the "Rollo" series; *Abbott's Lives of Celebrated Men*, etc., and the ever-welcome *Magazine*, in sets and bound volumes—a family library in itself, as well as an encyclopedia of useful and entertaining knowledge.

—In succeeding to the old-established business of Messrs. FRANCIS & Co., Mr. JAMES MILLER, No. 522 Broadway, has been careful to sustain the reputation of that well-known juvenile emporium, by constant additions to his stock of books for the young, so that he is now among the largest publishers of juvenile books. They will be found in great assortment at his store, suited to every age, and at prices adapted to every pocket. His elegant edition of MRS. BROWNING's Poetical Works, and a large collection of belle-lettre authors, English and American, poets, essayists, etc., elegantly bound, render Mr. MILLER's a capital place for "picking up" a favorite volume, in an attire worthy of its intrinsic merit.

—Messrs. SHELDON & Co., No. 498 Broadway, have in their "Household Edition" of DICKENS' Works, now complete, in 49 volumes, a series of books such as it has been reserved for the present age in America to produce, and one that is admitted to excel in all the requisites of a fine book any edition of this great writer that his own country can show. They offer it in various elegant styles of binding, adapted both for use and ornament. They publish in America for the present season a charming illustrated volume, *Parables from Nature*, by Mr. ALFRED GATTY, with 15 full-page drawings by HARRISON WEIR, MILLAIS, &c. Juvenile books in endless variety are among the objects of their special attention. Their latest novelties of this class include the "Dove" series, in large type, for little people; JACOB ABBOTT's series of American Histories; *Walter's Tour in the East*, the *Oakland Stories*, &c., &c.

—At the bookstore of ANSON D. F. RANDOLPH, No. 770 Broadway, in what would formerly have been called the up-town districts, but which is now as near as possible to the centre of city life and movement, purchasers are certain to find a larger selection of gift books of a religious and serious character than at any other establishment. Mr. RANDOLPH's own publications, many of them relating to sacred poetry, hymnology, &c., are distinguished by unusual elegance, and constitute a special attraction to his store, in addition to his large and well selected general stock of the finest American and English books. His juvenile publications, down to the smallest Sunday-school book, display the same merits, and testify to his close attention to the details of the "getting up" of a book from whence the desired result is produced. His impression of Mr. PRIME's valuable edition of the famous old hymn, "Oh, Mother Dear, Jerusalem," is a gem of Christian literature.

—*The Home of Washington*, published by W. A. TOWNSEND, No. 55 Walker-street, deserves the appellation given to it by the proprietor, of "superb national gift book." The neat revised edition just issued is a unique tribute to the Father of his Country. The 150 engravings, by Mr. LOSSING, reproduce with martial fidelity all the relics, scenes and localities connected with his abode that time has spared, and many, indeed, that no longer exist. It is a book whose value must necessarily increase with the lapse of years.

—The fine English Oxford edition of the Bible will be found in unusual variety of style and binding at THOMAS NELSON & SON's depot for their books in the United States, No. 137 Grand-street. All the resources of the bookbinding art are lavished on the more costly specimens, while the humbler editions place a correct and elegant text of the Scriptures within the reach of the most limited means. Messrs. NELSON & Co. are also renowned for the new and elegant styles of illuminated toy books that they have introduced. They display a really gorgeous array of colors and design in the adornment of the old stories long cherished in the nursery, rendering them literally old friends with new faces.

—The London editions of the Bible, Testament and Prayer Books, Church Services, &c., produced at the famous "Queen's Printing-office" of EYRE & SPOTTISWOODE, may be inspected and purchased at their branch American establishment, No. 626 Broadway. They compete for public favor with the Oxford editions, and are distinguished by the same merits of execution, both typographical and "bibliopegistic," to use an affected word coined by the great bibliographer Dr. DIDBIN.

—The renowned Riverside editions of our English classics, transferred from their original site now flourish equally well in Mercer-street, No. 17, where Mr. W. J. WIDDLETON is determined that they shall lose nothing of their former prestige while issued under his supervision. HENRY HALLAM, D'ISRAELI, CHARLES LAMB, MILMAN, old ROBERT BURTON, &c., are found in editions, displaying more taste and perfection of mechanical execution than anything that the mother country can show. Mr. WIDDLETON's own elegant edition of Praed's Poems, Poe's Works, Dr. Doran's Writings, and other books, prove that he is equally competent to originate works creditable to the country, as well as to sustain the reputation of those already established.

—At what has been appropriately termed the "Bijou Bookstore" of B. H. TICKNOR, No. 823 Broadway, the visitor at once finds himself in an atmosphere different to that usually around him. Boston seems transferred to New-York, and the advantages offered by the great belles-lettres publishing and bookselling establishment of Messrs. TICKNOR & FIELDS are here brought to our own doors, through the enterprise of a junior member of the family, whose name is rapidly becoming classic, from its association with so much that we reverence and love in literature. Mr. TICKNOR keeps on hand a complete assortment of the publications of the firm, in every variety of binding, and, as is well known, a very competent literary outfit may be selected from their list of publications alone. There also is the depot for subscriptions to their periodicals—*The North American Review*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Our Young Folks*, and their new enterprise, *Every Saturday*.

— The mention of the branch house naturally leads to the parent establishment. Messrs. TICKNOR & FIELDS may undoubtedly claim the credit of being among the inaugurators of the production of books in the present style of perfection, by which the national taste has been so much improved. Almost every one of their publications is worthy of being considered a "gift book," from the uniform elegance that has distinguished all the works bearing their imprint. HAWTHORNE, LONGFELLOW, EMERSON, TENNYSON, WHITTIER and a long list of their fellows are at once suggested by the names of these publishers, who have identified themselves with the literature of the country. Their special holiday books for the present season rival, if not exceed, anything produced in past years. The variety of their embellished editions of TENNYSON's Poems we despair of doing justice to, and can only particularize the "Illustrated Fairingford Edition," in a richly-bound quarto containing seventy full-page drawings by English and American artists, the *Idyls of the King* and *Gems from Tennyson*, each in one volume, printed in large type, and equally well illustrated. LONGFELLOW's *Wayside Inn* becomes the medium for a series of bold and vigorous design by JOHNS GILBERT, the English GUSTAVE DORE. They show that he fully enters into the spirit of the author, and has produced a volume of rare artistic excellence. *Recreations of a Country Parson*, with forty-one engravings on wood, is illustrated in a quiet style of elegance that shows a nice appreciation of the peculiar characteristics of the author. The illustrated edition of Miss PROCTOR's *Legends and Lyrics*, prefaced by CHARLES DICKENS, we have not seen, but its merit may safely be assumed, judged from the artists employed on it and the source whence it comes.

—Messrs. ROBERTS BROTHERS, of Boston, have, for a new firm, displayed unusual enterprise in the introduction of elegant books for the coming New-Year. They comprise the works emanating from the establishment of the Brothers DALZIEL, the famous English wood-engravers, who carry on an art manufactory on the largest scale. Their latest book is *A Round of Days*, described in original poems by some of the most celebrated poets, and in pictures by eminent artists, engraved by the above-mentioned firm. It contains fifty original poems and seventy pictures, in rich and novel bindings. The other publications of Messrs. ROBERTS are the *Illustrated Songs of Seven*, by JEAN INGELOW, with fine wood-cut illustrations and a portrait on steel from a lithograph, in a slim quarto volume elegantly bound; and SCHILLER's *Song of the Bell*, translated by Sir E. BULWER LYTTON, and illustrated by the world-renowned outlines of *Moritz Retzsch*.

—Messrs. TILTON & Co., also of Boston, testify to the intellectual activity of the Athens of America by the superior rank they have acquired as publishers of illustrated books. Their "Artists' Edition" of TENNYSON's Poems relies for its graphic attractions on the pencil of HAMMATT BILLINGS, who has done all the justice possible that a single designer could to such an extensive field of illustration. GOLDSMITH's *Deserted Village* has also occupied his powers, and appears in an elegant form, with thirty-two original designs. The same firm re-issues, by arrangement with the English publishers, BIRKET FOSTER's *Pictures of English Landscape*, and *Home Thoughts and Home Scenes*, two of the most admired and favorite gift books of previous years. The juvenile publications of TILTON & Co. have carried their names wherever young people are to be found. An edition of GRIMM and ANDERSEN's *German Popular Tales* is their latest contribution to the juvenile library, in five prettily illustrated volumes. Their previous list of books of this class is too well known to need repetition.

We have thus hastily run through the most prominent features of the publishing world, indicating in the briefest manner the richness of the land whose ample treasures are spread out temptingly for the gratification of all.

The Pensacola Navy-yard and History.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

A paragraph has recently appeared in the newspapers regarding the connection Lieut. RENSHAW had with demanding the surrender of the Pensacola Navy-yard.

It is possible that you may remember an item in the papers soon after Commodore ARMSTRONG surrendered this yard, stating that as the party of rebels were coming down from Pensacola to demand the same, Miss ARMSTRONG importuned her father not to give it up; when he hesitated, (surrounded by secesh influences as he was,) she asked him, 'I think, for twelve (12) men, saying she would defend the yard against all comers. This he did not grant, and the yard was given up. As the flag was pulled down by some one, after CONWAY had refused, this account stated RENSHAW ran his sword through it. The act was too much for Miss ARMSTRONG's nature to bear, and she sprang upon the flag and with her own hands cut out the field (or stars) and folded it up, saying she believed she would live to see the day when that would be raised again in triumph on that spot; the stripes she would leave them, for that was what they deserved. It was several days after this that RENSHAW sent on his resignation from Montgomery, the new capital of the bogus Confederacy.

There is either some truth or the reverse in these items, and I, for one, have always felt interested that the truth should be known as to the reported action of the young lady, as well as that of RENSHAW, who now claims to have been much abused.

Who can give positive and reliable information on this subject, that the man or woman, faithful and true to the flag when lowered or insulted, may be commended?

I inclose my name and address, and would state, if the subject is worthy of a place in your columns, I hope it will elicit the truth. RANDOLPH.

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CRAIG.—Suddenly, on Saturday, Dec. 16, JOHN D. CRAIG, in the 40th year of his age.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the Westminster Church, 22d-st., between 6th and 7th avs., this (Monday) afternoon, at 1 o'clock.

DUNHAM.—At Elizabeth, N. J., Friday, Dec. 15, SARAH C., wife of Mr. Joseph E. Dunham, and daughter of the late James Brown, of Elizabeth, aged 31 years.

The relatives and friends of Mr. Joseph E. Dunham, and those of her family, are invited to attend the funeral, on Tuesday, the 19th, at 2 P. M., from the Second Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth, N. J.

HOTCHKISS.—At Elizabeth, N. J., Friday, Dec. 15, ADA C., wife of F. W. Hotchkiss.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, N. J., at 2½ P. M. Monday, Dec. 18. Trains leave foot of Cortlandt-st. at 1 P. M.; return 3:45 and 4:40. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

RYDER.—Suddenly, at Orange, N. J., on Sunday morning, Dec. 17, CLARA, wife of Mitchell Ryder, and daughter of the late James Irwin, in the 26th year of her age. Notice of funeral hereafter.

STOTT.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 17, of consumption, WILLIAM C. STOTT, aged 30 years and 6 months.

His friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 198 East 19th-st., on Tuesday, at 1½ o'clock. His remains will be interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

SLOAN.—On Saturday, Dec. 16, JOANN K., wife of Wm. D. Sloan, in the 48th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 341 East 49th-st., on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at 12 o'clock M.

SMITH.—In Newark, N. J., Friday morning, Dec. 15, LYNDON A. SMITH, M. D., aged 70 years.

The friends of the deceased, and of his family, are invited to attend his funeral, at the First Presbyterian Church in that city, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

TASKER.—At Greenport, L. I., on Thursday evening, Dec. 14, WALTER HOWARD, youngest son of Henry and Emma Tasker, aged 5 years, 6 months and 5 days.

Funeral will take place this (Monday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

WALLACE.—On Thursday, Dec. 14, HARRIET C., infant daughter of F. E. and C. Wallace.

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OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1865.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, for the election of directors, will be held at their banking-house on the second TUESDAY in January next. By order of the board.
J. C. MARSELLUS, Assistant Cashier.

NOTICE.

The holders of the Railroad Bonds of Scioto County and State of Ohio are hereby notified that an authorized agent will attend in the City of New-York, on the 1st day of January ensuing, at the banking-house of WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., for the purpose of paying the January interest on said bonds, and to make other arrangements in regard to their liquidation.
By order of the Board of Commissioners, Scioto County, State of Ohio.
PORTSMOUTH, Dec. 11, 1865.

JOHN MUNROE & CO.,
AMERICAN BANKERS,
No. 5 Rue de la Paix, Paris,
and
No. 8 Wall-st., New-York,
issue circular letters of credit for travelers in all parts of Europe, &c., &c. Also, commercial credits.

U. S. COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES,
ISSUED IN 1864,
BOUGHT AND SOLD BY
VERMILYE & CO.,
No. 44 Wall-st.

TRAVELING CREDITS.

Circular notes for £10 and upwards, on the Union Bank of London, available in all the principal towns and cities of Europe, for sale, at the current rate of exchange, by L. P. MORTON & CO., Bankers, No. 35 Wall-st.

LOST.

Notice is hereby given that I have applied to The Isle Royal Mining Company for a new certificate of one hundred shares of said company, in place of Certificate No. 3,403, dated Nov. 20, 1865, in my name standing, which certificate was mailed to me by the Treasurer of said company on said 20th November, and has never come to hand. The public are hereby cautioned not to purchase or receive said certificate.
WM. L. BEAL.
BOSTON, 15th December, 1865.

OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES OF CREDITORS AND STOCKHOLDERS OF THE OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD COMPANY, (EASTERN DISTRICT,)
No. 88 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, DEC. 18, 1865.

THE INTEREST DUE 1ST JANUARY, 1866, on the preferred certificates issued by this trust, will be paid on and after the 2d day of January, at this office, to those in whose name said certificates stand registered on the 23d inst.

The transfer books, both of common and preferred certificates, will be closed at 2 P. M. on the 23d inst., and opened Jan. 8, 1866, at 10 A. M.
ALLEN CAMPBELL, Chairman.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 51 WALL-ST., COR. WILLIAM,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1865.

THE BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY WILL close on the last day of the year, preparatory to its annual statement. Persons holding policies on risks which shall have terminated during the year, prior to 1st January next, are requested to furnish an account of the premiums thereon, and a statement of all claims for return of premiums, to prevent discrepancies in the accounts.
J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1865.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR fifteen directors of this bank and three inspectors for the following election, will take place at the Banking House, on the SECOND TUESDAY in January ensuing.

The poll will open at 12 M., and close at 1 o'clock, P. M.
By order,
W. A. KISSAM,
Cashier.

CAPITAL.—TO BUSINESS MEN—TWO PATENTS have recently been obtained securing the right to improvements on an article of unlimited consumption. The proprietor will sell one undivided half of his interest with the view of forming an association to prosecute the business and establish branches, or sell to others to establish the business in different sections of the Union. The matter may be examined and the improvements fully explained, by calling at No. 197 BROADWAY, rooms 18 and 19, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M.

TELEGRAPH AND EXPRESS STOCKS.
United States Telegraph.
Russian Extension Telegraph.
American Telegraph.
National Express.
Adams Express.
Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express.
Apply to
GEO. C. DUNBAR,
No. 48 Pine-st.,
Dealer in Telegraph and Express Stocks.

ESSEX MINING COMPANY.—THE ANNUAL meeting of the stockholders of the ESSEX MINING COMPANY will be held at the office of the company, No. 48 Dey-st., on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, 1866, at 4 o'clock P. M., for the election of trustees for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such business as may be brought before the meeting.
ENOCH P. BULLARD, President.
JOHN H. KING, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK,
No. 108 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. [illegible], 1865.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of the Metropolitan National Bank will be held on TUESDAY, [illegible]
The poll will open at 12 M. and close at 1 P. M.
GEORGE I. SENEY, Cashier.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking house, [illegible] on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
CHARLES HUDSON, Cashier.

DETROIT AND MILWAUKEE SECOND [illegible]

COMMISSIONER FOR MASSACHUSETTS. [illegible] Room No. 2, first door over Bank.

SAVINGS BANKS.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 283 Bowery.

Six per cent. interest allowed on sums of $1,000 and under. Five per cent. on larger sums. Deposits made on or before Jan. 1 will draw interest from Jan. 1. Open daily from 10 to 3 P. M., and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 to 7 P. M.
CHAS. PECK, President.
HENRY C. FISHER, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK,
NO. 1 THIRD-AV.
Deposits made now will draw interest from 1st January.
BANK OPEN DAILY from 10 to 2 P. M., and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, from 5 to 7 o'clock.
THOMAS B. STILLMAN, President.
ISAAC T. SMITH, Secretary.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
NO. 96 WARREN-ST.
Interest allowed at the rate of 6 per cent. on all sums entitled thereto. Open daily from 10 to 3 P. M.
WALTER W. CONKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK,
8th-av. and 42d-st.
INTEREST 6 PER CENT., FREE OF TAX.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST PAID,
FREE from government tax.
THIRD-AV. SAVINGS BANK,
corner 26th-st. and 3d-avenue.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST, FREE OF tax, allowed by Union Dime Savings Bank, No. 429 Canal-st., corner of Varick.
Assets [illegible]

DRY GOODS.

For the Holidays.
SHIRTS,
6 for $18.
RICHARD GREEN,
NO. 375 CANAL-ST., CORNER LAURENS.

Under Garments,
FOR
LADIES, GENTLEMEN AND CHILDREN,
AT
LOW PRICES.
RICHARD GREEN,
NO. 375 CANAL-ST., CORNER LAURENS.

For the Holidays.
Rich Silk Scarfs,
RICH SILK NECKTIES,
WINTER GLOVES,
HANDKERCHIEFS, SUSPENDERS, COLLARS, SLEEVE-BUTTONS, SCARF-PINS, &c., &c., in large assortment, at
LOW PRICES.
RICHARD GREEN,
NO. 375 CANAL-ST., CORNER LAURENS.

AT LEGRAIN'S THIS WEEK.
DRESS GOODS FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
SILK GOODS, ALL REDUCED 25 PER CENT.
PLAIN SILK, in all colors, at $2 25; worth $3.
PLAIN TAFFETAS, ¾ wide, at $3; worth $5.
RICH PLAIDED POPLINS; also, FIGURED and STRIPED, just received from Paris.
800 pieces FANCY POPLINS for DRESSES, at 60 cents per yard; worth $1.
ALPACA, DELAINES and PRINTS Department just replenished.
GLOVES.
A FULL LINE of OPERA, RECEPTION and PARTY GLOVES just received, in all the LATEST PARIS FASHIONABLE SHADES. Also, CENTRAL PARK SKATING GLOVES.
LEGRAIN'S,
No. 729 Broadway.

AT LEGRAIN'S.
GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES.
CLOAKS, SACQUES, CIRCULARS, BASQUINES, and JACKETS, sold at $30, $40, $45, $50, $60,
Now from $15 to $45.
SUPERB BLACK LYONS VELVET CLOAKS, in all the leading styles, formerly
$90, $100, $110, $120, $125, $135, $140, $150, $160, $170, $180, $190, $200, $210, $220, $250
Now, $60, $65, $100, $105, $110, $120, $125, $130, $140, $145, $150, $155, $160 and $170.
An opportunity is here offered to all who intend to make seasonable, elegant and useful
NEW YEAR'S GIFTS,
to select from the largest and best stock of CLOAKS in the market, AT ONE-FOURTH LESS THAN THE REGULAR PRICES.
LEGRAIN,
No. 729 BROADWAY,
Corner of Waverley-place.

CLOAKS! CLOAKS! CLOAKS!
HOLIDAY PRESENTS! HOLIDAY PRICES!
HOLIDAY PRESENTS! HOLIDAY PRICES!
GREAT CLEARING SALE
AT
DAVIDSONS'
BOWERY CLOAK-STORE.

Basques worth $15 00	Reduced to $12 00.
Basques worth $18 50	Reduced to $15 00.
Basques worth $25 00	Reduced to $18 50.
Sacques worth $13	Reduced to $10.
Sacques worth $16	Reduced to $12.
Sacques worth $20	Reduced to $16.
Circulars worth $13 00	Reduced to $10 00.
Circulars worth $16 50	Reduced to $12 00.
Circulars worth $20 00	Reduced to $15 00.

VELVET BASQUES!
VELVET SACQUES!!
VELVET CIRCULARS!!!
SELLING OFF AT COST!
SELLING OFF AT COST!
DAVIDSON BROTHERS,
BOWERY CLOAK-STORE, Nos. 264 and 264½ Bowery.

A STORE FOR LINENS ONLY.
MILLIKEN & CO.,
No. 748 BROADWAY,
DEAL EXCLUSIVELY IN LINEN GOODS,
and always keep a good assortment of the best makes of
IRISH,
SCOTCH,
BARNSLEY,
FRENCH,
and GERMAN
LINEN GOODS,
mostly of our own importation, and sell them at reasonable prices.
EVERY ARTICLE SOLD IS WARRANTED PURE LINEN.

CARPETING, FLOOR OIL-CLOTHS, &c.
SMITH & LOUNSBERRY,
No. 456 BROADWAY, near Grand-st., have now on hand a full assortment of ENGLISH VELVET, TAPESTRY and BRUSSELS CARPETING; also, THREE-PLY and INGRAIN CARPETS, DRUGGETS, and all other articles pertaining to the Carpet trade, which they are selling at IMPORTED and MANUFACTURERS' PRICES for CASH.

RICH SILKS—RICH SILKS.
GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES.
T. M. JAMES,
No. 102 6th-av., near 8th-st.,
will offer on MONDAY, 18th inst.,
6,000 yards splendid BLACK SILK, at a reduction of 30 per cent.
5,000 yards FANCY SILKS, in all the fashionable shades, at a reduction of 20 per cent.
1,800 yards very rich MOIR ANTIQUE, at a reduction of 30 per cent.
This offers a rare chance to buy superior goods for the holidays.

NEW-YEAR'S PRESENTS;
HANDSOME FRENCH BALMORAL SKIRTS;
Fit for cold weather, skating, promenade, &c., &c.;
at
GAYNOR'S,
No. 765 Broadway.

REGULAR TRADE FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
A. T. STEWART & CO.
will offer at retail, on
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH,
2 cases ALL-WOOL PLAIDS, select designs and colors, [illegible]
2 cases [illegible] POPLINS, at $1 per yard;
3 cases extra quality, high-colored
PLAID POPLINS,
received by last steamer.
Also, large additions will be made to their stocks of
SILKS, DRESS GOODS,
SHAWLS, CLOAKS,
SACQUES, [illegible]
LACES, LINEN CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS, &c.
BROADWAY AND 10TH-ST.

SILK QUILTED SKIRTS.
Plain black and black embroidered in colors, at
GAYNOR'S,
No. 765 Broadway.

ONLY 25 CENTS PER YARD.
10,000 Yards Worsted Dress Goods, at 25 cents per yard. Reduced from 50 cents.
T. M. JAMES,
No. 102 6th-av., near 8th-st.

HOUSEKEEPERS TAKE NOTICE.
T. M. JAMES,
No. 102 6th-av., near 8th-st., will continue to offer his large stock of
Blankets,
Sheetings and Shirtings,
Prints and Delaines,
Table Damask and Toweling,
at last week's panic prices.
Goods are advancing fast.
The early bird catches the worm.

FRENCH MERINOS! FRENCH MERINOS!
Prices smashed right down for this week.
T. M. JAMES,
No. 102 6th-av., near 8th-st.

BEADS BEADS!! BEADS!!!
AND FANCY GOODS.
M. P. BROWN, Importer,
No. 236 Pearl-st., New-York.

INDIA CAMEL'S HAIR SHAWLS—FOR Holiday Presents, at favorable prices for the public. Also, India neck-ties. J. RUSSELL, No. 282 Wooster-st., 3d door below Amity-st.

DRY GOODS.

FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS,
AT
LORD & TAYLOR'S,
A fine assortment of cheap and
FASHIONABLE DRESS GOODS,
Put up in full dress lengths, marked in plain figures, and arranged for sale on separate counters at
GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.
Nos. 461, 463, 465 and 467 BROADWAY,
Nos. 255, 257, 259 and 261 GRAND-ST.,
Nos. 47 and 49 CATHARINE-ST.

LORD & TAYLOR,
Nos. 461, 463, 465, and 467 BROADWAY,
Nos. 255, 257, 259, and 261 GRAND-ST.,
Nos. 47 and 49 CATHARINE-ST.,
have just opened, at retail,
FOR THE HOLIDAYS,
a large assortment of
REAL LACE SHAWLS, CAPES, BARBES, SETS, COLLARS, VAILS, HANDKERCHIEFS, &c., &c., including many elegant novelties in LACES, suitable for holiday presents. Also, low-priced
LACES and EMBROIDERIES in GREAT VARIETY.

REDUCED FOR THE HOLIDAYS!
OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF
FASHIONABLE CLOAKS.
Including all the Latest Paris Styles of Basques and Cloaks in Silk Velvets, Plush, Silk, Plain and Fancy Cloths, etc., elegantly trimmed; also, latest novelties in Opera Cloaks, all of which will be offered at retail
DURING THE HOLIDAYS,
AT PRICES BELOW THE COST OF MANUFACTURE.
LORD & TAYLOR,
No. 461, 463, 465 and 467 BROADWAY,
Nos. 255, 257, 259 and 261 GRAND-ST.,
Nos. 47 and 49 CATHARINE STREET.

FASHIONABLE DRESS GOODS
At prices greatly reduced for the Holidays, at
LORD & TAYLOR'S,
Nos. 461, 463, 465, and 467 BROADWAY,
Nos. 255, 257, 259 and 261 GRAND-ST.
Nos. 47 and 49 CATHARINE-ST.
FRENCH AND IRISH POPLINS.
Merinos, Reps, Empress Cloths, Plaids, Winseys, Printed and Plain Cashmeres, De Laines, Alpacas, etc., etc.

SILKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
AT
LORD & TAYLOR'S,
Nos. 461, 463, 465, and 467 BROADWAY,
Nos. 255, 257, 259, and 261 GRAND-ST.
Nos. 47 and 49 CATHERINE-ST.
RICH LYONS AND PARIS DRESS SILKS,
and Silk Robes, Reception, Dinner and Evening Silks, extra rich,
SUITABLE FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
ALSO, LOW-PRICED SILKS,
BLACK, COLORED, STRIPES, PLAIDS, &c., &c. A full assortment at reduced prices.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
GLOVES, TIES, SCARFS, HANDKERCHIEFS, SUSPENDERS, COLLARS, WRISTBANDS, &c., &c.
LORD & TAYLOR,
Nos. 461, 463, 465 and 467 BROADWAY,
Nos. 255, 257, 259 and 261 GRAND-ST.,
Nos. 47 and 49 CATHARINE-ST.

AT REDUCED PRICES!
DURING THE HOLIDAYS,
LACE AND MUSLIN CURTAINS,
PIANO AND TABLE COVERS, DAMASKS, LINEN TABLE CLOTHS, POPLINS, TOWELS, SHEETING LINENS, CURTAIN MATERIALS, CORNICES, BANDS, LOOPS, QUILTS, BLANKETS, COUNTERPANES, &c., &c.
LORD & TAYLOR'S,
Nos. 461, 463, 465 and 467 BROADWAY.
Nos. 255, 257, 259 and 261 GRAND-ST.
Nos. 47 and 49 CATHARINE-ST.

SHAWLS AT REDUCED PRICES.
Broche, Plaid, Woolen, Zephyr, &c., &c., a full assortment, suitable for holiday presents.
LORD & TAYLOR,
Nos. 461, 463, 465 and 467 BROADWAY,
Nos. 255, 257, 259 and 261 GRAND-ST.
Nos. 47 and 49 CATHARINE-ST.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.
Goods in this Department will be sold
DURING THE HOLIDAYS,
AT REDUCED PRICES, viz.:
Ladies' Robes de Chambre, Underclothing, Plain and Embroidered; Waists, Jackets, Breakfast Robes, Caps, &c.; also Children's Dresses, Cloaks, Sacques, Underlinen, Waists, Hats, &c.; Boys' Blouses, Coats, &c.; also Infants' Wardrobes, Baskets, &c.
LORD & TAYLOR,
Nos. 461, 463, 465 and 467 BROADWAY.

FRENCH FANCY BALMORAL SKIRTS
FOR NEW-YEAR'S.
We have just received per Scotia another
IMPORTATION
of the above, consisting of the most elegant and recherche assortment
OUT OF PARIS.
Among them are some beautiful
WHITE CASHMERE AND ALPACCA,
VERY DRESSY.
BLACK CASHMERE AND ALPACCA,
HANDSOMELY TRIMMED.
FANCY STRIPES, in all possible kinds. Elegantly got up
WHITE MUSLIN SKIRTS,
plain, tucked and embroidered, at prices that will astonish our lady customers. We can sell them at less than the material would cost here.
Another importation of our celebrated
FRENCH COUTILLE AND EMBROIDERED CORSETS,
in Ladies and Misses, ALL SIZES.
Shoulder Braces, Supporters, &c., &c., &c.
The trade supplied on liberal terms.
GAYNOR, Importer and Manufacturer,
No. 765 Broadway.

SELLING OFF—SELLING OFF.
AND NO BOGUS SALE.
JAMES TUCKER'S removal from No. 759 Broadway is imperative next Spring, 1866. Now, then, the temptation for the discerning public: J. T. offers a large and rich stock of millinery materials at a heavy sacrifice.
TAILORS, MILLINERS AND DRESSMAKERS
dealt with liberally.
Upright glass cases for sale. No. 759 Broadway.

AT GRAND-ST. CHEAP STORE.
FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
SILK, BEAVER, VELVET, PLUSH and FELT HATS and BONNETS, selling at a reduction, which can be seen. Specialties—Felt goods, every shape, from 3c. to 50c. 250 real felts at 75c. and $1, each. Silk beavers, every size and shape, velvet bound, at 75c., at $1, at $1 25, at $1 50, at $1 75 and $2 each. Our white Coney Hats are now selling at $1 50 each. Everything in this department nearly half last month's prices.
EDWARD RIDLEY,
Nos. 311 and 311½ Grand, and No. 66 Allen-st.,
Fifth block east from the Bowery.

AT GRAND-ST. CHEAP STORE.
HOLIDAY PRESENTS—HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
EMBROIDERED SETS—PARIS STYLES.
Long line of LINEN EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS cheap.
Rich LACE COLLARS AND SETS.
Beautiful lot of Scotch, French and Hamburg DOUBLE BANDS under regular prices.
Ladies and gents' SILK AND WOOLEN SCARFS and NECK TIES.
One hundred new styles in ladies, gents and misses SEASONABLE GLOVES. Examine.
Ladies KID GLOVES (Empress) at 75c. the pair.
At $1 25 the pair the finest kid in the trade.
Our WOOLEN KNITTED GLOVES are clearing out.
EDWD. RIDLEY,
Nos. 311 and 311½ Grand and No. 66 Allen-st.,
Fifth block east from the Bowery.

AT GRAND-ST. CHEAP STORE.
RETAIL.
Every color, shade and width in rich plain BONNET and [illegible] RIBBONS, at about 50c. on the [illegible]
TRIMMING RIBBONS, cheap.
SILK BONNET VELVETS.
BLACK, $2 50, $3, $3 50, $3 75, $4, $4 50, and upward, full [illegible]
Our COLORED SILK VELVET BONNET STOCK comprises nearly every color and shade from $1 to $[illegible] per yard.
BONNET SILK, both plain and colored.
EDWARD RIDLEY,
Nos. 311 and 311½ Grand and No. 66 Allen-st.,
Fifth block east from the Bowery.

AT GRAND-ST. CHEAP STORE.
REAL OSTRICH FEATHERS.
IMPORTED FRENCH FLOWERS.
EDWARD RIDLEY,
Nos. 311 and 311½ Grand and 66 Allen-st.,
Fifth block east from the Bowery.

AT GRAND-ST. CHEAP STORE.
RETAIL TRIMMING DEPARTMENT.
Every color and width in SILK TRIMMING VELVETS, comprising Greens, Garnet, Modes, Browns, [illegible] Magentas, &c., [illegible] and upward. All purchased at auction this week; much under price.
NEW ORNAMENTS, CLOAK and DRESS SETS, GIMPS, FANCY BUTTONS and BLACK SILK RIBBON VELVETS—Cheapest in this city.
EDWARD RIDLEY,
Nos. 311 and 311½ Grand and 66 Allen-st.,
Fifth block east from the Bowery.

TO MILLINERS AND COUNTRY STOREKEEPERS.
WHOLESALE,
AT GRAND-ST. CHEAP STORE.
We cut Millinery Goods cheaper than down-town jobbers sell whole pieces. Call.
Mark the address, Nos. 311 and 311½ Grand and 66 Allen-st., fifth block east from the Bowery.
Entrance to the Wholesale Department, No. 66 Allen-st.
Second floor—Straw and Felt Goods.
Third floor—Ribbons, Millinery and Silk Goods.
Fourth floor—Case Goods only.

AT RICHMOND'S.
FRESH IMPORTATIONS.
A few cases of Ladies' French DRESS CAPS, HEAD-DRESSES, also some choice LACE GOODS in POINT APPLIQUE, ROUND POINT, BARBES, COIFFURES, VALENCIENNES SETS, from EIGHT DOLLARS up. A large stock of HANDKERCHIEFS, EMBROIDERIES, CAPES, MODISTES; entirely new patterns in LINEN EMBROIDERED COLLARS and CUFFS. All at very low prices.
RICHMOND,
No. 783 BROADWAY,
Opposite Stewart's.

MISS E. M. CLINCH'S DRESSMAKING ESTABLISHMENT. Dresses and cloaks made in twelve hours' notice. Ladies would have to call but once to secure a perfect fit. Fancy goods and a variety of [illegible]

DRY GOODS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS / CHRISTMAS / CHRISTMAS / CHRISTMAS / CHRISTMAS — AND — PRESENTS / PRESENTS / PRESENTS / PRESENTS / PRESENTS

HOLIDAY

CHRISTMAS (9 times) — GOODS OF EVERY — PRESENTS (9 times)

CHRISTMAS / CHRISTMAS / CHRISTMAS — DESCRIPTION. — PRESENTS / PRESENTS / PRESENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HAPPY / AT MACY'S. / HAPPY — NEW YEAR / AT MACY'S. / NEW YEAR.

SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF FINE FRENCH EMBROIDERIES, NOVELTIES,

HAPPY / AT MACY'S. / HAPPY — LACE GOODS, — NEW YEAR / AT MACY'S. / NEW YEAR.

HANDKERCHIEFS, &c.,

AT MACY'S. / HAPPY / AT MACY'S. — AT MACY'S. / NEW YEAR / AT MACY'S.

R. H. MACY.
Nos. 204 and 206 SIXTH-AVENUE, near 14th-st.

KID GLOVES
90 cents a pair,
1,000 dozen.
LADIES' KID GLOVES,
EVERY PAIR WARRANTED REAL FRENCH KID,
AT
90 cents a pair,
R. H. MACY,
Nos. 204 and 206 Sixth-av., near 14th-st.

NEW LACES
JUST RECEIVED.
WHITE AND BLACK LACE POINTS.
EXCLUSIVE NOVELTIES
AND
CHOICE DESIGNS,
IMPORTED EXPRESSLY FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.,
CANAL, CORNER MERCER-ST.

GREAT REDUCTION
FOR THE BALANCE OF THE SEASON,
IN
CLOAKS.
ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.,
WILL OFFER ON
MONDAY, DEC. 18,
A CHOICE ASSORTMENT
OF
SILK, VELVET AND CLOTH
CLOAKS, JACKETS AND BASQUES,
ALSO,
OPERA CLOAKS,
AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES,
PREVIOUS to their HALF-YEARLY INVENTORY.
CANAL, CORNER MERCER-ST.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.
ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.,
are now offering a
SUPERIOR ASSORTMENT
OF
DRESSES,
suitable for the
HOLIDAYS,
CONSISTING OF
ALPACAS, LUSTRINES,
ENGLISH CHALLIES,
PLAIN AND STRIPED WINSEYS,
STRIPED AND PLAID ALPACAS,
AMERICAN AND ENGLISH PRINTS,
&c., &c.
ALL CUT IN DRESS LENGTHS,
MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES,
and placed on a separate counter, for the convenience of customers.
CANAL, CORNER OF MERCER-ST.

RICH HOLIDAY GIFTS.
INDIA CAMEL'S HAIR
SHAWLS,
LONG AND SQUARE
IN GREAT VARIETY OF CHOICE DESIGNS AND COLORS,
CLOTH, SILK AND VELVET CLOAKS AND BASQUES,
SILKS, SATINS AND MOIRE ANTIQUES,
POINT LACE SETS,
HANDKERCHIEFS,
BARBES, CAPES, &c.,
CHOICE PARIS EMBROIDERIES,
RICHLY CARVED IVORY HANDLE UMBRELLAS AND PARASOLS,
IRISH AND FRENCH POPLINS,
ROBES DE CHAMBRES,
TARLATAN AND LACE EVENING DRESSES,
LACE AND NOTTINGHAM CURTAINS,
AND
VESTIBULE LACES,
EMBROIDERED PIANO AND TABLE COVERS,
&c., &c.;
COMPRISING THE BEST SELECTED STOCK IN THE CITY.
ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.,
CANAL, CORNER MERCER-ST.

MOURNING GOODS;
HANDSOME BARGAINS.
We invite special attention to our large and most desirable stock of MOURNING MATERIALS. SEVERAL NEW ARTICLES, not kept elsewhere, are just received.
N. B.—CRAPE CLOTH, SOMETHING ENTIRELY NEW, over 2 yards wide, BEAUTIFUL TEXTURE, only $10 per dress, selling fast.
W. JACKSON,
Importer and Dealer in Mourning Goods,
No. 551 Broadway, opposite Tiffany & Co's.

MOURNING BONNETS,
A MOST BEAUTIFUL STOCK.
SOME CHOICE NOVELTIES THIS WEEK.
N. B.—JUST RECEIVED, 6-4 BLACK CRAPE CLOTH, A NEW ARTICLE FOR DRESSES, AT JACKSON'S MOURNING STORE,
No. 551 Broadway, between Spring and Prince sts., opposite Tiffany & Co's.

CLOAK AND MANTILLA ESTABLISHMENT,
At No. 296 Canal-st.,
Under the Brandreth House.
PARISIAN VELVET CLOAKS,
the latest novelties.
OPERA CLOAKS,
and the largest assortment in the United States of all kinds of
WINTER CLOAKS,
in elegant styles, at
ADOLPH NEW,
No. 296, the first store in Canal-st., No. 296.

GREAT REDUCTION
IN ALL KINDS OF DRESS GOODS AND BALMORAL SKIRTS, FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
ALSO,
CLEARING OUT SALE OF BLANKETS,
FOSTER & WELSH'S, No. [illegible] 8th-av.

BLANKETS AND COMFORTERS.
A splendid assortment, together with a large stock of hair, husk, moss, sea-grass and straw mattresses, pillows, bolsters, counterpanes, &c., cheap. Also, a large lot of government hair mattresses, pillows, bedsacks, cotton and linen sheets, and 20,000 government hospital single iron bedsteads, at very low prices. See them before you buy elsewhere.
WM. GARDNER,
Nos. 233 and 244 Canal-st.

"BOULEVARD! BOULEVARD!! BOULEVARD!!!" meets us wherever we turn our eyes. We hear it, too, lisped from daintiest lips. Is it a talisman, or is it a crinoline? Its trade-mark is a royal crown; its train is pronounced peerless. For further particulars, inquire at ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.'S, Canal-st. Trade supplied by W. S. THOMSON, LANGDON & CO., No. 391 Broadway.

DRY GOODS.

AT KINSEY'S
EIGHTH-AVENUE
CHEAP STORE,
GREAT BARGAINS THIS WEEK,
IN VELVETS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS,
EMBROIDERIES, LACES, TRIMMINGS,
HOSIERY, GLOVES, FANCY ARTICLES.
PRICES WAY DOWN.
2,000 PAIRS GENT'S LINED KID GLOVES, KIDS, $1. 75c.
CLOSING OUT LINED GLOVES, 10c., 15c., 20c., 25c.
CLOSING OUT CLOTH GLOVES, 18c. to 75c.
CLOSING OUT WINTER GLOVES, 15c. to 50c.
CLOSING OUT WOOLEN LEGGINGS, 25c. to 75c.
BONNET AND MANTILLA VELVETS.
CLOSING, THIS WEEK, 25,000 YARDS TRIMMING VELVETS, (CHEAPEST EVER OFFERED,) 6c. to 25c.
RIBBONS CLOSING OUT.
FELT HATS, 12½c. to 75c.
CLOSING OUT FLOWERS.
CLOSING OUT FEATHERS.
CLOSING BALMORAL SKIRTS.
CLOSING WOOLEN SHAWLS, 62½c. to $3.
CLOSING BREAKFAST SHAWLS, $1 to $2 50.
CLOSING SHETLAND NUBIAS, 25c., 50c., 75c.
CLOSING WOOL HOODS, 25c., 31c., 37c., 50c.
CLOSING CASHMERE SCARFS, 20c., to 50c.
PRICES DOWN, DOWN.
CLOSING WOOLEN HOSE, 5c., 6c., 8c., 10c., 12c.
CLOSING LADIES' MERINO HOSE, 25c.
CLOSING GENTS' WOOL HOSE, 12½c., 15c., 20c.
CLOSING RIBBED WOOL HOSE, 25c., 31c.
GENTS' WOOL SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, 75c.
BARGAINS THIS WEEK.
25,000 HANDKERCHIEFS,
PLAIN, EMBROIDERED, HEMSTITCH.
TAPE BORDERS, LACE, AND PINE-APPLE
GENTS' HANDKERCHIEFS, 12c, 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c, 31c.
LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS, 9c, 10c, 12c, 14c, 15c, 18c.
NEEDLE-WORK do. 20c., 25c., 30c., 50c.
LINEN HEMSTITCHED, 25c., 28c., 31c., 38c., 50c.
LINEN HEMMED do. 15c., 18c., 20c., 22c., 25c.
COLORED BORDERED, 8c., 9c., 10c., 12c., 15c.
LINEN SETS, 18c., 25c., UP.
FANCY COMBS. ORNAMENTS, PORTEMONNAIES, EARRINGS,
BREAST-PINS, BRACELETS, CHAINS, NECKLACES, POMADE.
SOAPS, PERFUMERY, etc., etc., etc.
BALANCE OF DRESS GOODS.
CLOSING SCOTCH PLAIDS, 25c., 31c.
CLOSING ALPACAS, 20c., 25c., 31c., 34c.
CLOSING SILK AND WOOL POPLINS, 37½c.
CLOSING SOILED DELAINES, 18c.
CLOSING DRESS GOODS, 12½c., 18c.
CLOSING RICH STRIPES, CHAMBRAYS, LUSTRES.
CLOSING LOT BLEACHED MUSLINS, 15c.
CLOSING YARD-WIDE SHEETING, 25c.
CLOSING HEAVY CANTON FLANNELS, 28c.
CLOSING ALL-WOOL FLANNELS, 31c.
CLOSING HEAVY WOOL BLANKETS, $2 75.
CLOSING OUT WHITE LINENS, 31c.
CLOSING OUT PILLOW-CASES, 15c., 25c.
HOLIDAY GOODS,
CLOSING OUT BELOW COST
ALL OUR TOYS AND FANCY GOODS.
THEY MUST BE SOLD.
WRITING-DESKS, WORK-BOXES, JEWEL-CASES.
PARIAN, ALABASTER, AND BRONZE GOODS.
GAMES AND BOXES OF TOYS.
TEA AND DINNER SETS.
CHINA, PARIAN, AND ALABASTER GOODS.
LARGE LOT OF TOYS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
DOLLS AND DOLLS' HEADS.
TIN TOYS, BUILDING BLOCKS.
THEY WILL BE SOLD AT SOME PRICE,
AS THAT DEPARTMENT MUST BE CLOSED.
QUANTITIES OF OTHER GOODS
FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
WM. KINZEY,
Nos. 221 AND 223 8TH-AV.,
Between 21st and 22d sts.

1865. HOLIDAY PRESENTS. 1866.
PIANO AND TABLE COVERS.
A MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT, JUST RECEIVED,
WILL BE CLOSED OUT AT
VERY LOW PRICES.
ALSO,
CURTAIN MATERIALS
OF ALL STYLES.
B. L. SOLOMON & SONS,
No. 369 BROADWAY

BLACK ALPACAS.
Special attention is called to several lots offered at 62½c., 75c. and $1 per yard. Most desirable makes and extremely cheap.
W. JACKSON, No. 551 Broadway,
Opposite Tiffany & Co.'s.

GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
SASH RIBBONS,
SCARFS,
FANS,
FRENCH FLOWERS.
DRESS TRIMMINGS,
LACES,
PARIS FANCY GOODS.
J. BLUXOME,
No. 1,127 Broadway,
Between 25th and 26th sts.

BARGAINS—BARGAINS.
THIS WEEK IN
FANCY SILKS AND DRESS GOODS.
We have just purchased in the auction rooms and from importers several large invoices of
FANCY SILKS AND DRESS GOODS
at 25 to 50 per cent. less than what they have sold for earlier in the season, and it is our intention to distribute them to our customers at the same reduction during the present week.
FANCY SILKS, splendid qualities, at $1.
FANCY SILKS, extra heavy and wide, at $1 25.
RICH GRO GRAIN SILKS, only $1 50.
EMPRESS CLOTHS, all wool, only 85 cents; worth $1 25.
BON JOURS EMPRESS CLOTHS at $1; worth $1 50.
FRENCH MERINOES, splendid quality and colors, at $1; worth $1 50.
PLAID VALENCIAS, only 31¼c. per yard; worth 50 cents.
PLAID AND STRIPED POPLINETTES, only 3s. and 3s. 6d.; worth 60c. and 70c.
HEAVY PLAID PARIS REP POPLINS, only 70c.; worth $1 25 per yard.
W. K. PEYTON,
Nos. 272 and 274 Bowery,
near Houston-st.

BARGAINS—BARGAINS—BARGAINS.
BLANKETS, FLANNELS, AND PRINTS.
SHIRTING AND SHEETING MUSLINS, AND CANTON FLANNELS AND OTHER DOMESTICS,
JUST PURCHASED AT THE LOWEST MARKET PRICES, IN SOME INSTANCES FIFTY PER CENT. LESS THAN THE PRICES TWO WEEKS AGO.
We advise our friends to lay in their supplies before prices advance again.
ALSO,
OUR IMMENSE STOCK OF BEAVER CLOTHS FOR LADIES' CLOAKING,
AND
CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES FOR MEN AND BOYS' WEAR,
at greatly reduced prices.
W. K. PEYTON,
Nos. 272 and 274 BOWERY, near Houston-st.

AT W. K. PEYTON'S,
NOS. 272 and 274 BOWERY,
NOW OPEN
AN ENTIRELY NEW ASSORTMENT
OF
PLAIN SILKS,
IN ALL THE FASHIONABLE COLORS WORN,
AT
REDUCED PRICES.

AT W. K. PEYTON'S,
NOS. 272 AND 274 BOWERY,
"This Week."
BARGAINS FROM AUCTION,
IN
MAGNIFICENT FRENCH and INDIA CASHMERE, LONG and SQUARE SHAWLS,
BROCHE LONG and SQUARE SHAWLS,
in entirely new designs, imported this season.
ALSO,
WHITE and SCARLET CENTRE PAISLEY SHAWLS, LONG and SQUARE.
We respectfully inform our customers that our selection of Shawls cannot be equaled in the city.

AT W. K. PEYTON'S,
NOS. 272 AND 274 BOWERY,
the following "SCARCE AND DESIRABLE GOODS" are just received per last steamer:
IN PLAIN DRESS SILKS, the new shades of Blue, Green, and Garnet.
IN FRENCH MERINOS, the new shades of Purple, Gaslight Green, and Garnet.
IN EMPRESS CLOTHS and POPLINS, the new shades of Mauve, Green, French Gray, and Garnet.

EXTRAORDINARY AND IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.
OUR WHOLE STOCK, IN ALL ABOUT
Point Lace Collars, Sets and Handkerchiefs;
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In fact, all our [illegible] Choice Stock will be offered
AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES,
in order to make room for Spring importations.
E. WILLIAMS & CO.,
No. [illegible] Broadway.

ALEXANDER IRVINE, NO. 178 THIRD-AV., will offer on MONDAY, the 18th inst., the following lines of dry goods: Real silks, merinos, Empress cloths, reps, poplins, ottomans, fancy wool plaids, English, French and Saxony dress goods, in endless variety; prints, ginghams and domestic goods, brown and bleached sheetings in all widths, linens, diapers, napkins, doyly covers, crashes, damask table covers, linen sheetings and fancy stair crashes, blankets and flannels, in great variety.

Our special attention is given to the gent's furnishing department. See the following list: Dress shirts, white and colored; plain and fancy linen collars, silk ties and scarfs, linen and cambric handkerchiefs, plain, hemstitched and fancy borders, with a general stock of hosiery and gloves, all of which will be sold at a great reduction from former prices. All our stock is marked in plain figures. Goods shown freely.
ALEXANDER IRVINE,
No. 178 3d-av., between 17th and 18th sts.

NEW GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS, SELECTED BY HIMSELF IN EUROPE.—The largest, cheapest and most varied assortment in the city, Ladies' and Gent's Jet Chains, Pins, Bracelets, Buckles, Ear-rings, &c., Pearl, Jet and Fancy Buttons; also, Steel and Gilt Goods, English Scissors, Penknives, Combs and Brushes, Portmonnaies, Hair Nets and Waterfalls. Also, a full line of best English small wares; new styles Dress Trimmings, Ribbons and Laces, Tissue and Lace Vails, Embroideries, Collars, &c.; French Corsets, $1 50; best Steel Spring Skirts, $1. Skirts made to order.

N. B.—Jouvin's and other celebrated Kid Gloves at low prices; Empress Kids only $1; undressed Kids, new colors, only 90 cents.
W. J. ELGER,
Importer of Hosiery, Gloves and Fancy Goods,
Nos. 880 and 882 Broadway,
Between 18th and 19th sts.

This establishment does not advertise in the New-York Herald.

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS,
And Holiday Presents, at FAIRCHILD'S BAZAAR, No. 277 6th-av., one door above 23d-st. French and Spanish spoken.

INDIA GOODS! MARCHANDISE DE L'INDE! INDIANISCHE WAAREN! All kinds of staple, fancy, curious articles, silks and shawls, at FOUNTAIN'S IN[illegible]

DRY GOODS

HOLIDAY PRESENTS,
GOOD BARGAINS,
USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL,
HANDSOME BLACK LUSTRES, $3 50, $4 and $4 50 per dress.
BADAJOS, SAVANNAHS, POPLINS, EUGENIES, &c., $4 50 to $6.
WINCEY BALMORAL SKIRTS, $5, $6 and $8.
SUPERB CLOTH CRAPE and BEADED MUFFS and SETS—SOMETHING NEW.
EMBROIDERY SETS, POCKET-HANDKERCHIEFS, &c., &c.
W. JACKSON, No. 551 Broadway,
Opposite Tiffany & Co.'s.

DIVIDENDS.

BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 237 BROADWAY, ENTRANCE ON PARK-PLACE.

DIVIDEND.—THE TRUSTEES OF THIS INSTITUTION have directed that the usual dividend on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of six per cent. per annum on sums not exceeding $500, and five per cent. over $500 (free from Government tax), will be paid on and after Monday, January 15, 1866.
FRANCIS P. SCHOALS, President.
WADE B. WORRALL, Secretary.
PETER CUMMINGS, Accountant.

COLUMBIA OIL COMPANY,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13, 1865.

The Board of Directors of the Columbia Oil Company have this day declared dividend No. 23, of Two (2) per cent. on the capital stock, payable on MONDAY, the 18th inst.
E. WESTERVELT, Secretary.
Eastern stockholders will receive their dividends at the transfer office, No. 42 Cedar-st.
J. B. WEIR.

"THE INSTITUTION FOR THE SAVINGS OF MERCHANTS' CLERKS AND OTHERS"—No. 516 Broadway, has, by its Trustees, declared a dividend, free from Government tax, on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1865, on sums of $5 and not exceeding $500, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, and on larger sums at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable or credited to depositors on and after MONDAY, Jan. 15, 1866, and if not drawn is entitled to interest from 1st of January, the same as principal.
MOSES H. GRINNELL, President.
ANDREW WARNER, Cashier.

EAST RIVER SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
NO. 3 CHAMBERS-ST.

DIVIDEND.—ON AND AFTER MONDAY, THE 15th day of January, 1866, there will be paid on all sums entitled thereto, the usual semi-annual dividend, at the rate of 5 and 6 per cent. per annum, and the government tax.

Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.; and on Thursdays from 5 to 7 o'clock.
WM. H. SLOCUM, President.
CHAS. A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK,
No. 108 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1865.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Six (6) per Cent., free of government tax, payable after the first Monday of January next. The transfer books will remain closed until Jan. 8, 1866.
G. I. SENEY, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1865.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of five (5) per cent., free from government tax, out of the profits of the current six months, payable on and after the 2d of January.

The transfer books will be closed from 25th inst. to 2d proximo, inclusive.
W. A. KISSAM, Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK, NO. 240 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1865.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS bank have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per cent. and the government tax, payable on the 2d day of January next. Transfer books will be closed from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2, 1866.
J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1865.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK have THIS DAY declared a semi-annual dividend of five (5) per cent. and the government tax, payable, out of the profits of the bank, on and after Jan. 2, 1866. The transfer books will be closed from the 23d inst. to the 2d prox.
CHARLES HUDSON, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
December 13, 1865.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) per cent. has been declared, free of government tax, payable on and after the 2d of January next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 20th instant until the 2d proximo.
E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' & DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1865.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have declared a dividend of Five per cent., free of government tax, from the earnings of the current six months, payable on the 2d day of January next. The transfer books will remain closed until the day of payment.
R. P. PERRIN, Cashier.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK
NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1865.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of government tax, has been declared payable on and after the 2d of January next. The transfer-books will be closed until 2d of January, 1866. By order of the board.
W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE DISPATCH PETROLEUM COMPANY have this day declared a dividend of two per cent., free of government tax. Payable on and after 23d inst., at No. 17 Nassau-street. The transfer books will be closed from 20th to 25th inst.
JAS. TURNER, Secretary.
New York, Dec. 16, 1865.

PROPOSALS

ARMY SUPPLIES.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSARY-GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE, NO. 4 STATE-STREET,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1865.

SEALED PROPOSALS (in duplicate) will be received by the undersigned until 4 o'clock P. M., on TUESDAY, the 19th instant, for supplying, for the use of the United States Army, SUBSISTENCE STORES, to be delivered in New-York or Brooklyn, as follows:

1,000 barrels of first quality extra superfine Southern St. Louis, or other brands of FLOUR, *suitable for keeping in a warm climate*. The brands and places of manufacture to be stated in the bids, and whether in round or flat hoop barrels. The barrels to be in good shipping order, full head-lined and bung sealed.

The stores are required for immediate delivery.

Samples of the flour must be delivered with the proposals, and referred to therein.

A printed copy of this advertisement must be attached to each proposal, and the proposals must be specific in complying precisely with all the terms. Each bid, to have consideration, must contain the written guaranty of two responsible names, as follows:

"We, the undersigned, hereby guaranty that should all or any part of the above bid be accepted, it shall be duly fulfilled according to its true purport and conditions; also, that a written contract, with bonds to the amount of one-fourth of the value of the stores proposed to be furnished, shall be executed, if required."

The seller's name, place of business, and the date of purchase, as well as the name of contents, with shipping marks, to be hereafter designated, must be plainly marked on every package. All other old marks must be obliterated.

The flour will be inspected at the date of delivery, and compared with the retained samples by an inspector appointed by this office, whose certificate will be required.

Payment will be made in currency or its equivalent, as soon as funds are received for the purpose.

Contractors are expected to hold their goods without expense to the United States, until required for shipment.

Blanks for Proposals will be furnished at this office, which must be inclosed in an envelope addressed to the undersigned, and indorsed, "Proposals for Subsistence Stores."
H. F. CLARKE,
Brevet Brig.-Gen. and A. C. G. S.

PROPOSALS FOR FORAGE AND STRAW.

QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
No. 17 STATE-ST., NEW-YORK, Oct. 2, 1865.

Proposals are invited by the undersigned for the delivery of good, merchantable TIMOTHY HAY, on board of vessels at such wharf in New-York harbor as may be designated.

The hay and straw must be securely baled, and weigh two thousand (2,000) pounds per ton exclusive of wood.

Proposals must state plainly the quantity, price, and time of delivery.

The hay and straw will be inspected by a government inspector, and weighed before being shipped.

Proposals will also be received to deliver HAY and STRAW at Washington, D. C., Richmond, Va., and Hilton Head, S. C., subject to the above requirements.

Bids will be accepted from time to time to meet the requirements of the government.

Payments to be made on delivery, or as soon as its funds for the purpose shall be received.
STEWART VAN VLIET,
Brevet Brigadier-General and Quartermaster.

SALE OF HARD BREAD.

OFFICE DEPOT COMMISSARY,
FORT MONROE, VA., Dec. 13, 1865.

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received at this office, on WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS of each week, for all the surplus hard bread of this depot. The bread is in boxes of fifty (50) pounds each, and in good shipping order. All purchases will be delivered on board of transports without expense to the purchaser. No proposals received for less than twenty (20) boxes, one thousand pounds. Payment required on notification of acceptance of bid, in government funds. Proposals to be indorsed "Proposals for Hard Bread," and addressed to
JAMES CURRY, Colonel and C. S. V.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, [illegible] Board of said city, relative to the acquiring of lands for [illegible] One Hundred and Seventy-second and One Hundred and [illegible] Harlem River, in the said city, for the purpose of supplying that part of said city with Croton water as are not now supplied with the same.

To whom it may concern: The undersigned, Commissioners of Appraisal in the above entitled matter, having completed their report in said matter, notice is hereby given that a copy of said report will be presented for confirmation to the General Term of the Supreme Court, at the City Hall in the City of New-York, on the 22d day of December, inst., at the opening of the court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, and in the Clerk's office of the City of New-York, for the inspection of whomsoever it may concern; and any person or persons whose rights may be affected by said report, who shall object to the same, or any part thereof, may within ten days from the date hereof, being the first publication of this notice, state his or their objections to the same, in writing to the undersigned at their office, number 82 Nassau-street, (Room number 20,) in the City of New-York.
—DATED NEW-YORK, Dec. 7, 1865.
ELIJAH F. PURDY,
JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Commissioners.
HENRY L. HOGUET,

MEETINGS.

A MEETING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT of a French Evangelical paper in this city will be held on MONDAY, 18th inst., at the committee room of the Young Men's Christian Association, corner of 22d-st. and 5th-av. All the friends of this object are respectfully invited to attend.

A. P. A.—AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE Grand Lodge of the American Protestant Association will be held MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 18, at 7½ o'clock, in the hall, northwest corner of 18th-st. and 8th-av. By order,
RICHARD DRUMMOND, Grand Master.
JOHN LAIRD, Secretary.

ASTROLOGY.

MME. DICOLAM,
Business and Medical Clairvoyant. Consultations from 10 till 8. Past, present and future foretold. The [illegible]

SHIPPING.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S NEW LINE OF FIRST-CLASS MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The first splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent are the following:

WASHINGTON	3,204 tons	900-horse power
LAFAYETTE	3,204 tons	900-horse power
EUROPE	3,204 tons	900-horse power
NAPOLEON III		1,100-horse power
ST. LAURENT	(Building)	Great power.
PEREIRE	(Building)	Great power.
VILLE DE PARIS	(Building)	Great power.

DEPARTURES FROM NEW-YORK.
Pier No. 50 North River.
EUROPE......A. DUCHESNE......FRIDAY......Jan. 5
WASHINGTON......M. SURMONT......FRIDAY......Feb. 2
Carrying only cabin passengers.
PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.

First cabin, $135; second cabin, $80, including table wine for either class.

Passengers intending to land at Brest will be furnished free with railroad coupon tickets, and their baggage checked to Paris, at an additional charge of $5 for first and $3 for second class.

Medical attendance free of charge.

For further information apply to
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 7 Broadway,
Will remove on Dec. 15 to new offices, No. 58 Broadway.
At Paris, 12 Boulevard des Capucines, (Grand Hotel.)
At Havre, WM. ISELIN & CO.

NATIONAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

(Limited.)
NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL,
Calling at Queenstown to land passengers.

Ships.	Tons.	Commanders.
QUEEN	3,412	Grogan.
ENGLAND—building	3,450	
SCOTLAND	3,695	Hall.
ERIN	3,310	Grace.
HELVETIA	3,315	Prowse.
PENNSYLVANIA	2,872	McNevin.
VIRGINIA	2,876	Lewis.
LOUISIANA	2,166	Cutting.

Leaving Pier No. 47, North River, as follows:
QUEEN......SATURDAY, Dec. 16
HELVETIA......SATURDAY, Dec. 23
VIRGINIA......SATURDAY, Dec. 30
SCOTLAND......SATURDAY, Jan. 6
AND EVERY SATURDAY THEREAFTER.

The size of these steamships admits of very spacious state-rooms, all opening directly into the saloon; the accommodations and fare are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line.

An experienced Surgeon on each ship free of charge.

Cabin passage, $90; Steerage, $30—payable in currency.

The owners of these vessels will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having their value expressed therein, are signed therefor.

For freight or cabin passage, apply at the office of the Company, No. 57 Broadway.
C. H. EDWARDS, Manager.

For steerage passage at THOMPSON'S Passage Office, No. 273 Pearl-st., and at the Company's Office, No. 57 Broadway.

ONLY AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

The New-York and Havre Steamship Company's first-class mail steamships ARAGO and FULTON, having been thoroughly refitted, will leave Pier No. 37 North River for Havre, calling at Falmouth, as follows:
ARAGO......HENRY A. GADSDEN......Nov. 25, 1865.
FULTON......JAMES A. WOTTON......Dec. 23, 1865.
ARAGO......HENRY A. GADSDEN......Jan. 20, 1866.
FULTON......JAMES A. WOTTON......Feb. 17, 1866.
ARAGO......HENRY A. GADSDEN......March 17, 1866.
FULTON......JAMES A. WOTTON......April 14, 1866.
PRICES OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
First cabin......$132 50 | Second cabin......$80 00
Through tickets to London, $5 extra.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.

For further information, apply to
ISAAC BELL, President,
No. 7 Broadway, New-York.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
AND
BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.
SCOTIA leaves New-York Wednesday, Dec. 13.
ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, Dec. 20.
JAVA leaves New-York Wednesday, Dec. 27.
CUBA leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 3.
AUSTRALASIAN leaves New-York Wednesday, Jan. 10.
CANADA leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 17.
FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage......$132 50
Second Cabin Passage......80 00
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Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

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An experienced surgeon on board.

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STEAM TO LIVERPOOL—CALLING AT Queenstown. The Inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carrying the United States Mails.
CITY OF CORK......WEDNESDAY......Dec. 20
CITY OF BOSTON......SATURDAY......Dec. 23
CITY OF LIMERICK......WEDNESDAY......Dec. 27
ETNA......SATURDAY......Dec. 30
and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 44 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
BY THE MAIL STEAMER SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.
First Cabin......$90 | Steerage......$30
First Cabin to London......95 | Steerage to London......35
First Cabin to Paris......105 | Steerage to Paris......40
PAYABLE IN GOLD.

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Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.

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UNITED STATES MAIL LINE FOR RIO DE JANEIRO, calling at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, and Bahia every trip.
THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
will dispatch regularly on the 29th of each month, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 43 North River, one of their new first-class steamships.
THE HAVANA,
M. R. GREENE, Commander,
will leave
ON FRIDAY, THE 29TH DECEMBER.

An experienced Surgeon is attached to each steamship.
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Large lots of heavy freight, at low rates.
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The United States mail side-wheel steamship
COLUMBIA,
D. B. BARTON, Commander,
will leave Pier No. 4 North River, on THURSDAY, Dec. 21, at 3 o'clock, P. M., precisely, for Havana direct.
For freight or passage apply to
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N. B. The favorite steamship MORRO CASTLE will succeed the COLUMBIA, and leave on Dec. 27.

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STAR LINE.
Connecting with Railroads throughout Georgia and Florida.
The first-class U. S. Mail Steamships
AMERICA, LINDT, Commander,
NEVADA, CARPENTER, Commander,
CONSTITUTION, GREENMAN, Commander.
WEYBOSSET, PARRISH, Commander.
The
AMERICA
Will sail from Pier No. 13, N. R., foot of Cedar-st., on THURSDAY, Dec. 21, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage, having splendid accommodations, apply to WAKEMAN, GOOKIN & DICKINSON, No. 17 Broadway.
Agents in Savannah, BRIGHAM, BALDWIN & CO.
Freight received on our covered pier, No. 13 N. R., at all times during the day.

FOR HAVANA VIA NASSAU, N. P.

The British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's new steamer CORSICA, Capt. LE MESSURIER, will sail for the above ports, from the company's wharf at Jersey City, on
MONDAY, Jan. 1, 1866, and MONDAY, Jan. 29.
Passage money to Nassau......$45
Passage money to Havana......50
payable in gold or its equivalent.
No freight received on day before sailing.
For freight or passage, apply to
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FOR SAVANNAH DIRECT.

From Pier No. 2, North River.
EMPIRE SIDE-WHEEL LINE.
The first-class steamship SAN JACINTO, WINSLOW LOVELAND, Commander, of the Atlantic Mail Steamship Company's new line, will leave for Savannah direct on SATURDAY, Dec. 23, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely.
Freight taken for Augusta, Darien, Doctortown and Thomasville, Ga., and through bills of lading issued therefor.
For freight or passage, having splendid accommodations, apply to
GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
No. 5 Bowling-green.
Agent at Savannah, B. H. HARDEE.

FOR SAVANNAH.

PIONEER LINE.
Cabin Passage......$35 | Deck Passage......$10
The new and first-class steamship CHASE, Capt. W. [illegible], will leave Pier No. 4 North River, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, at 3 o'clock P. M.
For freight or first-class passage, having superior accommodations, apply to
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For deck passage apply on board.
Agents in Savannah, HUNTER & GAMMELL.

FOR SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.—MURRAY'S Weekly Line, connecting with railroads throughout Georgia and Florida.
The first-class steamships
ZODIAC, DEARBORN, Commander.
LEO, [illegible], Commander.
VIRGO, BULKLEY, Commander.
The elegant new screw steamship ZODIAC will sail from Pier No. [illegible] East River, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, at 3 o'clock P. M.
For freight or passage apply to
MURRAY & NEPHEW, No. 62 South-st.
OCTAVIUS COHEN, Agent in Savannah.

FOR MOBILE.

The New-York and Mobile Steamship Company's new and elegant steamship
IDAHO,
Capt. BUNKER,
will receive freight on Monday next, at Pier No. 8 East River, and sail for Mobile on SATURDAY, Dec. 23.
For freight or passage, having splendid accommodations, apply to
STARBUCK & WHEELER, Agents,
No. 13 Broadway.
The IDAHO goes direct to the city, and insures at the lowest rates.
STARBUCK & WHEELER.

FOR MOBILE DIRECT.

REGULAR LINE.
The first-class steamships
GULF CITY, Capt. JAMES STEWART.
GULF STREAM, Capt. ROBERT MOUNT.
VICKSBURGH, Capt. WILLIAM F. McCREERY.
MERCEDITA, Capt. E. C. WILLIAMS.
For freight or passage, with superior accommodations, apply to
SMITH & DUNNING,
No. 65 South-st.
Extra freight will be charged on all goods for which bills of lading are not taken out before the steamer sails.

FOR MOBILE.

The strictly first-class steamship
"PERIT,"
(1,600 tons burden,) E. A. DELANOY, master, will leave Pier No. 4 North River, on TUESDAY, Dec. 19, at 3 o'clock P. M.
Goes to town with cargo, and insures at lowest rates.
For freight or passage, having first-class accommodations, apply to
LEWIS & JONES,
No. 17 Broadway.
Cabin passage, $50.

SEA SICKNESS!

Prevented and cured. Certificates, Surgeon Pacific Mail Steamship Company, Chemists and others. For sale by DEMAS BARNES & CO., No. 21 Park-row, and Broadway Druggists.

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S THROUGH LINE TO CALIFORNIA,

TOUCHING AT MEXICAN PORTS,
AND CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL, leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon, on the 1st, 11th and 21st of every month, (except when those dates fall on Sunday, and then on the preceding Saturday,) for ASPINWALL, connecting, via Panama Railroad, with one of the company's steamships from Panama for SAN FRANCISCO, touching at ACAPULCO.
DECEMBER.
1st. HENRY CHAUNCEY, Capt. GRAY, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Capt. FARNSWORTH.
11th. ATLANTIC, Capt. MAURY, connecting with GOLDEN CITY, Capt. BRADBURY.
21st. NEW-YORK, Capt. HORNER, connecting with COLORADO, Capt. WATKINS.

Departures of 1st and 21st connect at Panama with steamers for SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS. Those of 1st touch at MANZANILLO.

THROUGH PASSAGE RATES, IN CURRENCY.

First Cabin.	Second Cabin.	Steerage.
$350	$250	$125

A discount of ONE-FOURTH from steamers' rates allowed to second cabin and steerage passengers with families.

One hundred pounds baggage allowed each adult. Baggage-masters accompany baggage through, and attend to ladies and children without male protectors. Baggage received on the dock, the day before sailing, from steamboats, railroads and passengers, who prefer to send down early.

An experienced surgeon on board. Medicines and attendance free.

A steamer will be placed on the line Jan. 1, 1866, to run from NEW-ORLEANS to ASPINWALL, via HAVANA.

For passage tickets or further information, apply at the company's ticket office, on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River. F. W. G. BELLOWS, Agent.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

RATES GREATLY REDUCED.
Net prices, through to San Francisco, per steamer NEW-YORK, sailing Dec. 21:

First Cabin.	Second Cabin.	Steerage.
$300.	$150.	$75.

OPPOSITION LINE TO CALIFORNIA.

REDUCED PRICES OF PASSAGE.

First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.
$250.	$150.	$75.

Children 6 to 12 years, half price; under 6, quarter price. 100 pounds baggage free.

The Central American Transit Company will dispatch, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, at noon, from Pier No. 29 North River, the new and elegant steamship SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Capt. J. W. SMITH.

For passage apply at No. 177 West-st., corner of Warren.
D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent.

OFFICE OF WELLS, FARGO & CO., NEW-YORK AND CALIFORNIA EXPRESS AND EXCHANGE COMPANY, NO. 84 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.—SHIPPERS OF FREIGHT TO THE PACIFIC COAST will please take notice that having been appointed Freight Agents Pacific Mail Steamship Company, we are now prepared to receive freights for California, Oregon, Nevada, Washington Territory, Sandwich Islands, Central America and west coast of South America.

For rates apply at our office, No. 84 Broadway, or freight office on dock foot of Canal-st.

Steamers will sail 1st, 11th, and 21st of each month; these dates falling on Sunday, on preceding Saturday.

No slow freight received on day of sailing. Freight MUST BE DELIVERED ON DOCK FOOT OF CANAL-ST. Bills of lading will be issued at No. 84 Broadway. Our usual package express will be sent by each steamer, and will close at 10 A. M. on sailing day. Our letter bags will close at 11½ A. M. For convenience of our up-town customers, letter bags will be kept at the Metropolitan Hotel and on the dock, foot of Canal-st.

Our FRANKED ENVELOPES will be on sale at the office of the hotel, and at our office, No. 84 Broadway, and Canal-st. dock.

All letters sent through us must be in Government envelopes.

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California coupons bought at best rates.
WELLS, FARGO & CO.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees of freight per Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamers will receive orders for delivery at the office of Wells, Fargo & Co., No. 84 Broadway, upon surrender of their bills of lading.

Goods remaining on the wharf twenty-four hours after discharge will be stored at expense and risk of consignees.
WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Agents P. M. S. S. Co.

NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS.—The New-York Mail Steamship Company's steamship ARIEL will leave on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, at 3 P. M., and the MONTEREY on SATURDAY, Dec. 23, at 3 P. M., from the Company's Pier, No. 46 North River.
For freight or passage apply to
JAMES A. RAYNOR, No. 10 Barclay-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

BLACK STAR LINE.
Composed of the following first-class steamships to sail every SATURDAY, at 3 o'clock, from Pier No. 13, North River, foot Cedar-st.:
R. R. CUYLER, Capt. S. H. DOLLARD.
MONTGOMERY, Capt. CALVIN RYDER.
MARMION, Capt. E. R. WARSAW.
HUNTSVILLE, Capt. ——.
The steamship MARMION having been unavoidably detained, will receive light freight and sail TO-MORROW, Dec. 19th, at 3 o'clock P. M. precisely. Apply to
R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 54 Wall-st.
GEO. A. FOSDICK, Agent at New-Orleans.
For the present, bills of lading will be signed on the wharf.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS, DIRECT.

The new and first-class steamship FUNG SHUEY, Capt. J. B. HILDRETH, will leave Pier No. 9 N. R., on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, at 3 P. M.
Passage, with accommodations unsurpassed, $60.
Apply to H. B. CROMWELL & Co.,
No. 86 West-st.
The STAR OF THE UNION follows on SATURDAY, Dec. 23.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.

PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
EMILY B. SOUDER......Capt. H. LOCKWOOD
MONEKA......Capt. WM. MARSHMAN
The above splendid steamships will leave every THURSDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 36 North River, invariably landing cargo at Charleston on Monday morning.
The new and elegant steamship
MONEKA,
sails on THURSDAY, Dec. 21, at 3 o'clock P. M.
For freight or passage, with unsurpassed accommodation,
Apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 141 Broadway.
Consignees at Charleston, ARCHIBALD, GETTY & CO. All bills of lading signed on board the ship.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.

REGULAR UNITED STATES MAIL LINE OF FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIPS.
GRANADA,
ALHAMBRA,
ANDALUSIA,
SARAGOSSA,
and the QUAKER CITY,
WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS,
will be dispatched promptly at 3 o'clock, from Pier No. 14 East River. Bills of lading signed on board.
For freight or passage apply to
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.
The favorite and fast steamship
ALHAMBRA, R. B. BENSON, Master,
is now receiving cargo, and will be dispatched on WEDNESDAY, 20th December.

FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS.

The new, elegant, very fast and A 1 steamship
SARAGOSSA, BURSLEY Master,
is now receiving cargo at Pier No. 46 North River, and will be dispatched as above on
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20.
For freight or passage, apply to
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS.

The new, elegant, very fast and A 1 steamship
SARAGOSSA,
BURSLEY, Master,
is now receiving cargo at Pier No. 46 North River, and will be dispatched as above on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, at 3 P. M.
This vessel has superior accommodations for passengers, and goods by her can be insured at lowest rates.
For freight or passage apply to
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS.

The splendid fast sailing side-wheel steamship
LILLIAN, Capt. ——,
will receive cargo at Pier No. 13 North River, foot of Cedar-st., and sail on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, 1865, having capacity only for the bulk of 2,500 barrels light freight. Apply to R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 54 Wall-st.

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THE OLD LINE.
From Pier No. 31, North River, foot of Fulton-st., for Norfolk, City Point and Richmond.
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The new and elegant side-wheel steamships,
NIAGARA,
GEORGE W. COUCH, Commander,
Leaves New-York every SATURDAY, at 3 P. M.
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ADOLPH L. KIRK, Commander,
Leaves New-York every WEDNESDAY, at 3 P. M.
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Passenger accommodations unsurpassed.
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No. 10 Wall-st.
Goods to and from all parts of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, &c., forwarded by the company's agents free of commission.

FOR RICHMOND, CITY POINT AND NORFOLK.

GOES TO THE WHARF AT RICHMOND.
The new and elegant side-wheel steamships
HATTERAS, Capt. LEWIS PARRISH, every SATURDAY, at 3 P. M.
ALBEMARLE, Capt. H. A. BOURNE, every WEDNESDAY, at 3 P. M.
FROM PIER NO. 36 NORTH RIVER.
Freight for Newbern, N. C., and all points on Roanoke River, as far as Halifax, forwarded by our agent at Norfolk, free of charge.
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Freight received on our covered pier, No. 36 North River, at all times during business hours.
Goods consigned to our address promptly forwarded.
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WASHINGTON, Capt. C. CHICHESTER.
The A 1 steamship FAIRBANKS is now receiving freight, and will sail on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, at 3 P. M. Superior accommodations for passengers. For freight or passage apply to CHAS. H. PIERSON, No. 77 South-st., or JAMES HAND, No. 117 Wall-st.

FOR WILMINGTON, N. C.

The first class and reliable steamship
COMMANDER, PERRY, Master,
Is now receiving cargo and will be dispatched on WEDNESDAY, 20th Dec., at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 14, E. R. For freight or passage apply to
ARTHUR LEARY,
No. 73 William-st.

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FOR SALE—COTTAGE, WITH STABLE, WEST 28th-st., $5,250; four-story high-stoop, all improvements, 33d-st., $6,500; three-story high-stoop, 43d-st., very nice, $9,000; also plot of ground, 100 feet square, with brick building, 40x85, used for church; various others. Call and examine. J. E. HATCH, No. 375 9th-av., or No. 112 Broadway.

FOR SALE—THE FOUR REMAINING THREE-story brick houses, with modern improvements, in a row of ten, on Alexander-avenue, between 138th and 139th sts., about 1,500 feet from Harlem Bridge, Westchester County, in a highly respectable neighborhood, where taxes are light; railroad from City Hall passes there every few minutes; price $6,000, part on mortgage. Apply to MULLER, WILKINS & CO., No. 5½ Pine-st.

FOR SALE—WITH POSSESSION ON 1ST OF May next, a four-story brick house, about 27 feet wide, lot 103 feet deep, with all the modern improvements, located in 11th-st., between 5th-av. and University-place. Apply to HOMER MORGAN,
No. 2 Pine-st.
Also,
Seven full lots on 91st and 92d sts., between 5th and Madison avs., at $3,000 each.

FOR SALE—POSSESSION IMMEDIATELY, THE three-story basement and subcellar high-stoop house, with Philadelphia front, brown-stone basement with all the modern improvements, &c., No. 219 Bergen-st., Brooklyn; size of lot 20x100; price $7,500; terms easy. Inquire of CHAS. SHULTZ, Mechanics' Exchange, No. 7 Pine-st., New-York City, between 12 and 2 P. M., or foot of Hammond-st.

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ALSO, a gore lot, 47 feet front, on 40th-st., near Broadway, suitable for stable. Price [illegible]. Apply to
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FOR SALE—VALUABLE GREENWICH-ST. property. The substantial five-story stores and dwellings on the northwest corner, known as Nos. 438 440 Greenwich and 59 Vestry st. Terms easy. Apply to J. O. FOWLER, No. 96 Nassau-st.

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FOR SALE—A FOUR-STORY BRICK HOUSE, No. 54 7th-av., two doors from 14th-st. Possession can be had about 1st of January. Price $13,000. Also, No. 230 West 15th-st.; $15,000. W. B. WHITEMAN, 26 John-st.

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MONTAGUE-PLACE, BROOKLYN.—TO let from 1st of February to 1st of May, 1867, one year and three months, a four-story stone front house, 22 feet by 40, on the most desirable part of Montague-place, Brooklyn. Parties willing to pay a liberal rent may address Box No. 375 Brooklyn Post-office.

TO LET FOR THE WINTER—AN elegant stone house, 50 feet square, on the Terrace, New Brighton, Staten Island, will be rented, furnished, for a moderate rent, until the first day of May. Apply to BORROWE, COSTER & DAVIS, No. 64 Broadway.

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A RESIDENCE WANTED—NEAR NEW-York, for part cash, part good Western property. Inquire of SMITH BROTHERS, No. 151 Broadway, Rooms Nos. 6 and 7.

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On this route, some one hundred miles from St. Louis, is Springfield, the home and the grave of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. The deep interest with which the American people view it will be likely to increase as the years roll on, and as the great work to which his life was devoted stands out grander and nobler before the eye of the world. His honored tomb is sure to be a shrine which the votaries of freedom, the worshippers of exalted virtue and manhood, from all climes, will visit, dropping a tear to the memory of one of liberty's most illustrious martyrs. How deeply engraved in the nation's memory are the marvelous scenes in which he, who is now clay, bore recently so noble and conspicuous a part.

Chicago is one of the veritable wonders of the age. It is a city, bridging by one astonishing stride the interval between the infant and the giant. It illustrates the expansive and propulsive energy of the mighty West, the child of free institutions, in the most lively and striking manner. But a little fifteen years ago, there were something less than thirty thousand people in it. Now it is claimed, on the basis of the census of 1860, that the population is fully up to one hundred and eighty thousand, and may even reach a figure closely approximating two hundred thousand. Even at the lower estimate, the increase would be one hundred and fifty thousand for fifteen years, an astounding result indeed.

All the appearances of a great, vigorous and flourishing city are here. Long lines of stately stores, rivaling in their exterior those in some of the most elegant business centres in New-York—sidewalks groaning under boxes, barrels, crates, bags, etc.; avenues crowded with wagons, carts, drays, carriages of all patterns, and swarming with buzzing human masses, present not only a vivacious picture, but one strikingly significant of business activity, energy and thrift. The little river, setting up from the lake and dividing the city, is covered with steamtugs and masted vessels. The passing of these to and fro makes constant demands on the several revolving bridges spanning the stream, the hurrying crowds finding often serious annoyance in this frequently interposed obstacle to their crossing. Taking a stand on one of these bridges, and watching the masses surging across the live-long day, only interrupted at intervals by the swinging open of the draw, gives one an idea of what the city is, and how urgent are the demands its traffic makes upon the energies of its motley population.

The press of Chicago has kept pace with the city's rapid growth. The number of its newspapers has increased, and may be said to be increasing still. The *Tribune* has the widest circulation, and is conducted with an ability that reflects high credit upon those having it in charge. The *Journal*, *Post* and *Times* are all able papers. Pity that the last should have made for itself a record so little creditable to its loyalty during the fierce struggle so auspiciously ended, and when a vigorous pen wielded staunchly in behalf of the government were worth a regiment of tried troops to the country. Mr. DANA's new paper, the *Republican*, is making its way with steady strides to the popular favor. It has abandoned the blanket-sheet form in which it appeared for several months, and adopted the quarto form, such as the New-York dailies greet the eyes of their readers in. In typography and general appearance it bears no inconsiderable resemblance to the NEW-YORK TIMES. This is the first experiment, so far as I have observed, of an eight-page daily issue in the Northwest or West. When it has proved successful, as in this case it is morally certain to do, others will no doubt in this quarter follow in its footsteps as the Cincinnati *Commercial* has already done. It is no small honor to have been the first in the Northwest to venture on the launching of a quarto-form daily newspaper. It speaks of enterprise, strong faith and high resolve in publisher and conductor. It reflects credit, too, on the enterprise of a new city wherein such venture may be confidently made.

The railroads, which have made Chicago what it is, and promise to make still more of it, centre here from all points of the compass. The one leading to Milwaukee along the shores of the lake, I took the other day for a short run into Wisconsin, and soon found myself sixty miles from Chicago, at the neat little City of Racine, for city it is, though numbering only nine or ten thousand inhabitants. It is perched high, that is compared with Chicago, above the broad and beautiful sheet of Michigan, being a score or two of feet above its bright waters, the dash of which upon the pebbly shore makes a music to which I never tire of listening. I enjoyed a ride, on the afternoon of a bright bracing day, along the margin of the lake, passing Senator DOOLITTLE's substantial but unadorned residence, and Racine College, located about three miles south from the town. The view all the way is charming in its picturesque variety of graceful villas, snug farm-houses, cultivated fields, alternating with woods and groves, from which lasts "chill November's surly blast," was scattering down the sere leaves in golden showers. Looking eastwardly the view was oceanic, for the expanse of the beautiful lake is illimitable to the eye in that direction. The college aforesaid is under Episcopal auspices, presided over by Dr. DE KOVEN, and enjoys, I believe, a fair measure of repute and prosperity.

Returning, I was carried through the principal streets of the town. They are for the most part regularly laid out. The houses lack the compactness of those in a large city, being wide enough apart, indeed, to give room for door-yard and even garden in many cases, imparting a rural village-like air to the place. The lumber trade is carried on largely here and several factories for the turning out of various wares betoken, by their clattering wheels, and the clouds of smoke they puff out, an active demand for their fabrics. It will be long, however, before Racine grows much beyond the dimensions of the staid little town it now is. It has no special facilities to swell its bulk rapidly, while the cities of Chicago and Milwaukee tap it at either end, the railroad rendering an excursion to either, for purposes of trade or shopping, both easy and pleasant.

What interested me chiefly was the military record of this town. It has done its full share toward sending brave soldiers to our armies, and helping to supply the ranks that battle and disease were constantly depleting. Among other troops raised for the service of the country two companies had gone from Racine, a constituent part of the famous Second Wisconsin Volunteers, commanded by Col. O'CONNOR, regarded as one of the most gallant and popular of regimental leaders. This regiment, with the Sixth and Seventh Wisconsin, and Nineteenth Indiana, formed what was known as the "Iron Brigade" from the staunch qualities it displayed in the frequent and fierce battles in which it took part.

This brigade was part of Gen. RUFUS KING's division, lying before Fredericksburgh, with the rest of McDOWELL's corps, during part of the Summer of 1862. I saw the division reviewed there by Gen. McDOWELL, and remember well the admiration which this particular brigade, then commanded by Gen. GIBBON, attracted, on account of the soldierly appearance of its men—tall, muscular, resolute, noble-looking fellows, such as one rarely sees. Late in the Summer these troops were ordered to the Rapidan to join the main army under Gen. POPE, operating against the rebels then on their advance northward. Falling back through Warrenton, McDOWELL's corps made its way slowly toward the Bull Run battlefield, where, on Friday and Saturday, the 29th and 30th of August, the second battle on this renowned field was fought, resulting disastrously to our arms.

On Thursday afternoon, the 28th—as the main battle began early Friday morning—KING's division, which had advanced to Gainesville, found itself suddenly confronted by Stonewall JACKSON's corps, which was falling back from Centreville toward Thoroughfare Gap. A fierce fight began just as the sun was setting, and continued till the closing night ended the conflict. The roll of musketry for half an hour was terrific. The result of the combat showed it to have been as sanguinary as it was short. In GIBBONS' brigade alone—which, however, bore the main brunt of the conflict—678 men had been put *hors du combat.* Among these were the Colonels of all the four regiments, Col. O'CONNOR, of the Second Wisconsin, being brought in mortally wounded. I saw him in the rude hospital to which gentle hands conveyed him, and remember well the serene patience with which he bore his fatal hurts. He lived only two or tree hours. As to the mass of the wounded men who were carried off the field on this darkest of nights, their hospital, the only one the emergency permitted, was the green sward beneath a grove not far from the battle-field. These, on the following morning, were in the hands of the enemy. KING's division retreated silently, at midnight, from the dangerous proximity of a superior force, to Manassas, reaching it by the early dawn. It returned thence to take part in the battle whose thunder was already making the earth tremble. Late on Saturday afternoon it was hurled against the masses of the enemy, and broken, shattered, driven back with a loss in officers and men that has rarely been paralleled in the history of the war.

I have dwelt on these circumstances, partly from the interest taken in reviewing scenes which brought before my eyes for the first time the ghastly evidences of the mangling and maiming energy of war. But my purpose more especially has been to pay a slight tribute to the valor and heroism of Wisconsin's sons. Not only has the brigade in question a proud and brilliant record, but all the troops which this young, vigorous State has sent forth have done noble service in the great work of saving the Commonwealth from harm. Of the troops of the west and northwest, whose praises the whole country echoes, the stalwart men of Wisconsin, have borne their full share of the burdens resting upon all, and by their toils and heroism deserve well the laurels a grateful country loves to wreathe upon their brows.

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Over in Jersey City, a few minutes' walk from the Cortlandt-street Ferry-landing, and in the midst of a chaotic assortment of factories, distilleries, poor cabins, stables, vacant lots and unpaved streets, a Great Business has just arisen, and is in the dawn of prosperity. It is not many years since all dealers in America were compelled to buy "wood screws," as they are termed—that is, iron screws for cabinet and carpenter work, and for all the varied branches of manufacture in which they are used—from English manufacturers. At that time the high price and the clumsy character of screws limited their use to a few articles which it was desirable to open after being once closed—coffins, for instance, or other boxes containing choice deposits. It is scarcely more than ten years since the first extensive manufactory of screws in this country got fairly into operation. This was the one at Providence, R. I., which has for a long time turned out a large portion of the supply necessary for our trade. But the Rhode Islanders have a formidable rival in the establishment of which we propose to speak.

The Continental Screw Company, managed by Mr. H. A. HARVEY, the chief inventor and patentee of the curious machinery with which it works, was formed but a year or two since. Its extreme capital is about one million, of which considerably more than half has been made available. They have a large block of ground in Jersey City, and a dozen more lots with a water front of some hundred of feet just across the street. It is designed, ultimately, to cover the entire block with the manufactory; at present not quite two sides are built up. The building is of brick, four stories high, well lighted and ventilated and supplied with all needful conveniences for the comfort of the workmen, of whom there will soon be several hundreds.

Having now arrived at the door, we propose to take the reader through the building and show, as nearly as our memory serves, how "wood screws" are made. The reader will please step in and follow Mr. QUIMBY, the courteous and intelligible Superintendent in charge. First, we put down our names, in continuation of a list of other notable gentlemen. Here is the large door through which all the stock comes in. We select a coil of rough, brittle iron wire, about the diameter of the largest screws to be made. It is weighed and a proper record made. Now we will follow it until it comes forth neatly done up in parcels of one gross each for the shelves of the retail hardware dealers.

The first process is "annealing," or toughening the fibre of the iron. This is done by slowly roasting the coil in a moderately-heated furnace for several hours, and then slowly cooling it. Then it is soaked or boiled in a solution of soda and vitriol, which both cleans it and renders it impenetrable to rust under ordinary exposure. A Yankee bit of economy is here noticeable. After the oil of vitriol has done its work, it is drawn off into vats, where it is "reconstructed" by recrystalization, the result being a product of more than half the original cost of the vitriol in sulphate of copper.

The next process is "drawing," or reducing the size of the wire. The coil is taken to the "Drawing Room," the end is tapered a little with a hammer and poked through a hole in a steel plate, which hole is the size or guage required, and is known by a certain number. A pair of stout pincers grab it, and omnipotent steam drags it through the plate. When a couple of yards are thus drawn, the end is fastened to an iron drum, in shape like a cheese-box, revolving horizontally, and then the coil of wire of one-eighth inch in diameter is literally wound upon that drum in any required size or fineness, as a spinner would reel off her yarn. A vast amount of such wire is drawn or made here for market, (besides what is used for screws,) such as telegraph, fence, and wire for cages, &c. By electrotyping or depositing a coating of copper upon the original iron wire, the drawing process produces a coppered wire of great beauty, which is, for most uses, as good as entire copper.

But we must follow the screw. The drawn wire, now just the size of the body of the screw to be made, is taken to the "Heading Room." Here are two rows of machines that look much like common lathes for iron turning; they are called "headers." The wire is fed through a thick iron tube; you push it in, and, if you want an inch screw, when a little more than that length passes a certain point it is cut off, and at the same moment a heavy punch is thrust against it and the extra length is instantly flattened into a screw-head, rather rough, but generally perfect. The prospective screw, which is now a small cylinder of iron with an expanded head, but without a groove, (or niche for a screw-driver,) drops into a box below, and another and another follows at intervals of perhaps two seconds. We should note that in this heading process, and in nearly all others, the metal and the tools are kept cool by fine streams of soda water (a solution of common sal soda) from an immense reservoir in the attic. This is carefully economized, being conveyed back to the basement and worked over and over.

These headed-up bits of iron (we forget the technical name) are now thrown into a cylinder something like a coffee-roaster, where they are mixed with leather chips, and by attrition with themselves and the chips, the rough and sharp edges are smoothed off, and the oil and dust cleaned away.

Passing into another room we come to the "Shaving and Grooving Department." The expected screw comes from the heading and cleaning process a little rough or otherwise out of shape. Here a hundred are placed on a flat iron table over a curious machine which we will try to describe. The table is circular and stationary, with a rim to keep the screws from falling off. There is a long channel or slot in the table, reaching just the radius; it is wide enough to let the body but not the head of the screw fall through. Now, we have two or three hundred of our bits of iron on this table. On a centre piece revolves slowly a brush of two arms, crooked like fancy hat brushes, and constantly pushing about our bits of iron. Of course, they fall point downward into the groove. At the inner end of this groove a widening of the slot permits the screw head to drop through. Directly under is a feeding-channel, (we must beg pardon for not using technical names, for, indeed, we never thought to ask them,) sloping downward in a curve, precisely like a spiral staircase; and down this groove, still hanging demurely by their heads, come the things that will be screws, like a file of school boys sliding down the banisters. Under the mouth of this groove, and perhaps fifteen inches below the table, is an eight-armed wheel, just like a common wheel of eight spokes with the ties and felloes removed. The ends of these eight arms are apparently human hands. The arm is split quadrilaterally, and down the centre is a hole to receive the inchoate screw. It drops in as far as the head, when the four sides or fingers close firmly around it, and the wheel goes on with it one-eighth of a revolution; another follows in the next arm, and then the first one is placed before a circular knife which shaves the upper part or head of the screw perfectly even. The arms pass on, and the screw with its head shaved drops into the reservoir below.

The next process is Slitting or Cutting the Groove through the head. Again, the bits of iron are put upon tables, (of other machines,) the brushes coax them gently into the slot, they slide down the feeding-trough, are taken by the eight-armed wheel, but now are thrust against a little circular saw, not much more than an inch in diameter. This saw cuts the slit to any required depth, and retires; the wheel goes on, and down comes a bit of iron wire an inch long, cylindrical in form, except that it has a perfect screw-head, groove and all.

The last mechanical process is Cutting the Thread—in fact, transforming a nail with a screw head into a real screw. This is done on the upper floor, in the Threading Room. Again our little piece of iron, cylindrical, but having a perfect head, is put upon the upper table; the brushes coax it into the path of progress, and down the feeding-groove it goes. This time it is carefully laid into a horizontal chamber, a wicked screw-driver, hidden away in a box, comes up, and, with one blind sweep across the head, falls into the slit, and our little piece of iron begins to revolve rapidly in the reverse direction, or that by which a screw is drawn out. Here, however, there is no getting away, and very soon a wicked little chisel, such as a man might turn iron with, comes up, (all by machinery,) and gouges into the revolving iron just at the right place. This chisel is the subject of compound motion, rather difficult to explain; but we will try. First, it runs by a rachet work spirally down the screw, so as to lay out the thread. It has three guides; one is the rachet work that regulates its travel along the body of the screw, another is a cam-gauge, consisting of six notches at certain intervals on a broad wheel. As soon as the chisel has gone once down the screw, it is shunted by the cam movement and flies back by a spiral spring to its starting place. Meanwhile the "guide" has fallen into a gauge-notch a little deeper than the first one, so that the cutting chisel is set forward and digs the thread a little deeper. This process is repeated until the cutting reaches the proper depth, and the thread is perfect. Then another guide reaches its working point, withdraws the screw-driver, starts the eight-armed wheel forward the eighth of a revolution, another bit of iron is placed before the chisel, the one which has been completed drops out, another is taken in from the feeding groove above, and the work goes on much more rapidly than we can describe it.

It it necessary here to describe another movement of this almost thinking machinery. For a great many years the screw had a blunt or a square point, and nobody ever thought of using one without first laboriously boring a hole for it. Now they are all, unless very large, sharp or gimlet-pointed—a Yankee invention we believe, and one has only to give them a slight tap with a hammer, clap on his "bit" and in they go, just as easily and much more firmly than after the gimlet-hole. This pointing, like many other wonderful things, is very simple indeed. The little chisel that cuts the thread is guided, as we have shown, by certain cam movements that determine the depth of the thread. That, by this motion alone, would of course make the screw of even diameter from shoulder to point. But in addition to this guide, a solid arm extends from the chisel four inches downward, moving with the chisel and traveling laterally in a parallel groove. As the chisel nears the point of the screw, there is a sharp curve in the channel that holds this perpendicular guide. Consequently, the chisel is pressed smartly forward, and necessarily tapers off the screw to a sharp point. This very simple improvement has more than doubled the value of screws.

The most ingenious affair connected with all these machines is yet to be mentioned. A person would naturally suppose that with such a complication of motions it would be easy for hitches and breaks to occur—that a screw might fall, or stick, or break. Such is often the case, and great care is necessary. But that care is mechanical. Attached to each machine is a little lever four or five inches long, traveling in an out-of-the-way place, but traveling only when everything is right. The moment anything is wrong, this little arm hoists over his accustomed calling places and cries out—so to speak—to the man on duty. He comes, finds a screw stuck in the groove, removes it, the intelligent arm resumes its work, and all goes on well. Of course, we cannot explain this valuable little thing so as to be understood, and we must be content to say that it is an apparently perfect safety-gauge, and there is no reasonable possibility of smashing the machinery to which it is attached. The reader may get an idea of it, perhaps, by supposing it to be the lever by which the cut-offs of a steam-engine are operated. When the engineer starts he works two or three revolutions by hand; then hooks on this lever, and the engine works itself. Now, suppose something is going or is about to go wrong; if this lever voluntarily rises off its hooks, and (of course) immediately stops the engine, it will do just what the little lever attached to these screw machines inevitably does.

Such is a brief, and we know quite imperfect description of the process of making wood screws. The establishment also contains all the tools necessary for the making and repairing of its own machinery. Its motive power is a 150-horse power engine, with self-feeding boiler, and the finest fly-wheel we have seen.

We have now followed the iron wire until it has become a perfect screw. But little is left to tell. Having been threaded and pointed, it goes to the cleaning room. Here it is boiled in soda and dried in sawdust, boxed, and taken to the superintendent. He notes the size, quality, and the work of each machine for the day. Thence the screws go to the packing-room, where they are put up in gross, in the well-known heavy-paper packages seen in the stores. The counting is not counting, but weight. The packer (women do this) counts a gross of any size into one dish of a common scale. All the other gross are made up in the other dish of the scale, consisting of just a balance of the first gross, which serves as the weight for all packages.

Last, but not least, is the improvement of putting on the packages a picture or exact *fac simile* of the screw inside, instead of sticking a sample screw through the paper—a practice which made packing in boxes difficult by reason of tearing the paper.

As we have said, the establishment is in its infancy, but it promises remarkable success. It is hoped, and even believed, that screws may be made almost as cheaply as nails. Should such be the result, the consumption would be almost unlimited. A great many gentlemen in the retail iron trade are taking a deep interest in this establishment, and we look forward to an ample success for the enterprising managers who have their own and the trade interests at stake.

The Moral Condition of the City.

A DISCOURSE BY REV. C. C. GOSS.

Rev. C. C. Goss delivered a discourse at the Methodist Church in Seventeenth-street, near Sixth-avenue, last evening, selecting as his text the 41st verse of the 9th chapter of St. Luke—"And Jesus saw the city and wept over it."

The reverend gentleman commeneed by saying that in all great cities extremes meet. There crime centred, and there reformers had their origin. It was so in Athens and Rome, and it is so now in Paris, London and New-York. The population of New-York, unlike that of nearly all other great cities, comprised a conglomeration of nationalities. How to blend and fuse them into one homogeneous mass was a problem difficult to solve. Education, so much vaunted, would not do it. Politics would not; nor social influences. Moral influences alone were capable of effecting that end. The preacher then went on to show that crime was on the increase in this city. Every year we found it necessary to increase our police force; every year the force became more expensive, until now we were paying nearly $2,000,000 for the mere punishment of crime, and not for its prevention or extermination; for it was well known that of every ten persons arrested, six had been arrested before.

Of the increase of pauperism, Mr. Goss also spoke. He said that there were enough charitable institutions in this city, but unfortunately they did not work together. Again, one reason why they did so little good was that they cared merely for the physical wants of the poor, leaving their moral wants to be cared for by the church. This should not be—the care of the body and the soul should go together. It would be well for those who undertook to talk religion to the poor and distribute tracts among them if, at the same time, they would also distribute a few loaves of bread. Mr. Goss then went on to speak of our schools, which cost the city $1,500,000 per annum. This was a great deal to spend for educational purposes, and it seemed to him that it was a disproportionate amount as compared with the sum expended for the diffusion of religion and morality. Learning was undoubtedly a good thing, but it might be used for bad purposes. Our Police returns showed that of all the criminals arrested quite a large proportion could read and write.

The preacher said it was a startling fact, that in this great city there was not more than 200,000 regular church-goers, and of these one-half were Roman Catholics. At any one time not more than 50,000 of them could be found joining in the worship of God. There were in the city about 200 evangelical clergymen. It was quite evident that this was insufficient, and the number ought to be increased. At the same time, more churches were wanted. It was a fact that the mere increase of population every five years was sufficient to fill all the churches we now had. In conclusion, the reverend gentleman urged his hearers to lend their aid in pushing forward the good work. Not to be anxious to build up their own particular church, but to assist in elevating the poor of the city from the evil influences around them, and to place them in such circumstances that they could listen to the Word of God with profit.

Sacred Concerts.

The grand sacred concert held yesterday evening at St. Ann's Church, Eighth-street, was very impressive and eminently successful. The new organ attached to this church was opened for the first time, by Mr. LOUIS DACHANER, in the beautifully executed Sinfonia, the first feature of the programme. The Super Flumina Babylonis, of Gounod, was next given by the entire chorus of thirty voices, with thrilling effect—followed by selections from Corrini Torrento, Verdi, Meyerbeer, Auber and Negri, in which the Misses Wells, Bodenhams and Gamien, and Señor L. Remi and Messrs. Dessane and Pecker distinguished themselves. The concert was highly enjoyed, and reflected much credit on Monsieur DACHANER as conductor.

Yesterday evening there was a sacred concert at St. Augustine's Church, Morrisania, being the occasion of the opening of a fine new organ. The church was well attended, and the choir, under the direction of Prof. GUSTAVUS SCHMITZ, was admirably conducted.

The Prospect of Skating To-Day.

Yesterday morning it was intensely cold, and the ice must have made considerably during the night. The light flakes of snow, which rather floated about than fell, were evidence of the keenness of the upper air, and gave no alarm whatever to the custodians of the ponds in the Central Park, who only feared a heavy fall, and the lower temperature which accompanies it, as this would possibly have precluded the keeping of the ice clear by the workmen, it not being yet considered sufficiently strong to permit their going upon it for that purpose. Hopes built upon expected privileges to-day are therefore not likely to be disappointed, as it still continued to freeze throughout the entire day yesterday, and the fall of snow was too trifling to interfere with the keen action of the air upon the surface of the lakes. The ice thus made, in addition to the one and a half to two inches reported on Saturday, and the freezing of Saturday night, will surely give a surface sufficiently strong that the liberty of the ponds may be conceded to all comers, and the skating season inaugurated to-day with all the honors.

FIFTH-AVENUE POND.

This pond was open for a few hours on Saturday, but owing to the rush of visitors and the weakness of the ice, it was deemed prudent to give over for the day so as not to run the risk of injuring the new-formed crust by over-doing it. Over two hundred had a pleasant hour or so, as the surface was exceedingly smooth, and the several hundreds outside, unable to get in, only ceased their clamorous calls for admission when the entire school was dismissed. This pond was closed to visitors yesterday, as it always is on Sunday.

THE VACANT LOTS.

In the afternoon yesterday every vacant lot in this neighborhood, on which a few inches of water had charitably lodged, was crowded, principally with juveniles, although there were not a few we met of older growth making their way in this direction with suspicious parcels in newspaper wrapping, covertly peeping from either pocket, or more boldly carried under arm. The eagerness with which so many of both sexes watch for the rising of the ball to-day augurs a merry season if Jack Frost can only be relied upon, but alas! with all his polished manners, he is a slippery fellow, often fickle and sometimes frail.

BROOKLYN.

The Brooklyn ponds will, we understand, be opened to-day—we mean the enclosed ones. Upon the numerous other ones in the outskirts of the city, crowds enjoyed themselves all day yesterday. Workmen and their children might have been seen in numbers, either on the ice or on the avenue levels above, enjoying the moving scene below, the little ones clapping their hands tumultously at a splendid fall. Although the wind was cutting throughout the entire day, and the icy snow-flakes blinding in the unsheltered city suburbs, crowds passed to and fro the different scenes of this healthy exercise all day, the dark only chasing away the merry groups from the ponds.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

LEASES OF VACANT ENGINE HOUSES.—On Saturday the Comptroller awarded the leases of the engine and hose houses, which have become vacant under the operation of the new Fire Law. The conditions are that the leases are to run for one year, and the corporation reserves the right to take the houses at any time they may be required for public purposes. No alterations of the houses are to be made, and they are to be returned to the city in the same condition they are in at present. The following are the successful bidders: House of Engine Co. No. 10, John Connolly, $250. House of Engine Co. No. 37, Thomas Duffy, $155. House of Engine Co. No. 39, William Fagan, $460. House of Engine Co. No. 51, Eagleton Manufacturing Company, $350. House of Hose Co. No. 50, J. J. Nelins, $300. House of Hose Co. No. 6, R. H. Gibbons, $400. House of Hose Co. No. 2, J. Crud, $600. House of Hose Co. No. 15, Lawrence Kiernan, $395. House of Hose Co. No. 19, E. Van Banst, $775. House of Hose Co. No. 28, Alexander V. Davidson, $325. House of Fifth Ward Exempt Hose Co., Jacob Sharp, $750. House of Hose Co. No. 51, D. O'Donohue, $400. House of Engine Co. No. 28, A. L. Whitlow, $400. House of Engine Co. No. 31, L. R. Purdy, $750. House of Hose Co. No. 33, Caledonian Club, $400. House of Hose Co. No. 49, Isaac Whitenach, $315. House of Hose Co. No. 30, Daniel Trow, $750.

SALE OF FINE PICTURES.—The attention of lovers of art is directed to "The Meert Gallery of Original Oil Paintings," now on exhibition at the salesrooms of BANGS, MERWIN & CO., No. 694 Broadway, and to be sold on Wednesday, Dec. 20. This collection is said to be one of the finest in the United States, and comprises, among many others, one of WOUVERMANN's best pieces, representing a Belgian nobleman's country-seat, with preparations for hawking; an admirable and most interesting painting by GASPER NETSCHER, showing the Dusseldorf Gallery as it was before it was burned by the French in 1794; a chapel scene by HANS HOLBEIN, with his name and date, 1542, curiously introduced in the arabesque work at the foot of a column; a gem by DAVID TENIERS, and a Madonna and child by CARLO DOLCE. A peculiarity of this sale is that every painting is warranted to be an original, and the purchase-money is to be deposited in one of our Trust Companies, so that any buyer who doubts the authenticity of his purchase, may be satisfied on that point, or receive his money back, with interest.

THE NEW STEAMER SARATOGA.—The new steamship *Saratoga*, built by D. D. WESTERVELT, for the New-York and Virginia Steamship Company, made a trial trip down the bay, and one to the buoy on the bar on Saturday, making a speed of about 14½ miles per hour. This vessel is a sister ship to the *Niagara*, and is of the following dimensions: Length, 230 feet; beam, 39 feet; depth of hold 15 feet, and measures about 1,200 tons. The engine has a 60-inch cylinder, with 11 feet stroke of piston. She has all the modern appliances for the prevention and suppression of fire, and is well found in life-saving apparatus. The *Saratoga* is a model boat in every respect, and our coast fleet has received a fine acquisition in these two vessels. The hulls are superior in finish and strength, while the engines are unequaled in beauty of finish and accuracy of motion. The *Saratoga* sails on her trial trip to Richmond on Wednesday, from Pier No. 21 North River. She is commanded by Capt. KING, well known in the trade, and highly esteemed for his many good qualities.

THE NEW-ENGLAND SOCIETY.—The society have elected the following officers: President, Hon. E. D. MORGAN; First Vice-President, Joseph H. Choate; Second Vice-President, Elliott C. Cowdin; Counsellors, W. N. Blakeman, C. A. Stetson, S. N. Stebbins, Nathaniel Hayden; Assistant Counsellors, John W. Quincy, William Borden, Frank E. Howe, T. G. Churchill, W. H. Lee, Isaac H. Bailey, Charles S. Smith, Charles E. Beebee; Treasurer, Luther B. Wyman; Secretary, L. P. Hubbard. The annuel dinner will take place at Delmonico's on the 22d inst.

FIREMAN'S FUNERAL.—DOMINICK SICOT, a member of Metropolitan Engine Company, No. 4, who died on Thursday last from injuries sustained during the progress of the fire at No. 14 Water-st., was buried Saturday, the funeral services taking place at St. Peter's Church, in Barclay-street. The funeral was attended by a large number of firemen. THOMAS IRWIN, of the same company, who was with SICOT when he fell, was himself killed at the great bonded warehouse fire in State, Pearl and Bridge streets on the morning of the 2d instant.

DEATH OF AN OLD TELEGRAPHER.—Some three months since, Mr. THOMAS J. LILLIS, while engaged in his duties in the "battery room" of the American Telegraph Company, in this city, fell and injured himself so badly that, after lingering until Saturday morning, death ensued. Mr. LILLIS was fifty-six years of age, and was one of the oldest telegraphers in this city, having been in that service for over seventeen years.

ORGANIZATION OF A FENIAN CIRCLE.—Yesterday afternoon, at Military Hall, No. 193 Bowery, the B. Doran KILLIAN Circle (formerly the Roberts Circle) was organized, and Mr. MARTIN C. MAHONY was chosen Centre. The circle then unanimously indorsed the action of the representative Fenians of the Department of Manhattan in deposing Senator E. L. CAREY, one of the Roberts men.

COLLISION IN THE NARROWS.—The Spanish bark *Nuija de los Mares*, from Havana, was run down in the Narrows Friday night by the steamship *Alabama*, hence for New-Orleans. The vessel was so badly injured that she sank almost instantly, the Captain and crew barely escaping with their lives. The *Alabama* sustained considerable damage.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—"The work of the Army Committee of this Association, which led to the formation of the United States Christian Commission," is the subject of a paper to be read before the association this Monday evening, at No. 161 Fifth-avenue, by CEPHAS BRAINERD, Esq.

THE BROOKLYN ART ASSOCIATION.—The first reception of the season will be held at the Academy of Music on Wednesday of this week. The exhibition of paintings will be open to the public on the following day.

ADMITTED TO THE BAR.—Twenty-seven applicants were examined before the Kings County General Term last week, of which eleven were rejected for incompetency, and the remainder admitted to practice at the Bar.

MR. MILBURN'S LECTURE.—Rev. W. H. MILBURN, "The Blind Preacher," will lecture at Cooper Institute this evening. Subject—"John Milton." The proceeds of the lecture will be devoted to the benefit of the Mission Church of the Holy Martyrs.

NEW-YORK HOSPITAL.—From the report of Superintendent ROBERTS, it appears that during the week ending Dec. 16, 53 patients were admitted to the hospital, 38 were discharged cured or relieved, and 6 died. There were remaining at date, 247.

Rev. DR. HOWE will preach on "Foreign Missions" to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, at 7½ o'clock, in St. Ann's Church, Eighteenth-street. The sermon will be interpreted for deaf mutes.

DOMESTIC ITEMS.

The Charleston *Courier* publishes the following joke: It is perhaps not generally understood that Postmasters, when receiving letters not prepaid, are required by law to send to the parties to whom the letters are addressed a printed note, with the blanks properly filled out, informing them that they can obtain the letters by paying the postage due. It so happened not long since that Postmaster TROTT, of this city, had occasion to send a note of this description to a colored soldier in one of the interior districts. On the face of the envelope was stamped in bold letters the word "Free," meaning, of course, there was nothing to collect for postage. Judge of the hearty laugh the Postmaster enjoyed on receiving the following reply to his note:

Mr. STANLEY G. TROTT: If I was you I would not trouble yourself about telling me I am free. I send you six cents. Please forward the letters. Yours,

CHARLES JOHNSON.

Capt. DAVID B. BARTON, master of the steamer *Columbia*, of SPOFFORD & TILESTON's line, between New-York and Havana, commenced following the sea when about 16 years of age, at 18 was mate, and at 21 Captain. He has made one hundred and ten round voyages from New-York to Cuba. He has been in Cuba at all seasons of the year, and in this time has lost one man overboard, and had two men die on the passage; he has always carried great numbers of passengers, and never had a death among them. He never lost a spar or sail from his vessel, has made good passages, and never called upon the insurance offices, or had a protest extended, or received a single cent from the underwriters.

CAMPBELL, the charcoal humorist of St. Louis, gives this: "Where is Europe compared to America? Nowhere. They call England the mistress of the sea. But what makes the sea? The Mississippi makes it; and all we've got to do is to turn the Mississippi into the Mammoth Cave and the English navy will be floundering in the mud."

A man was robbed of a $500 diamond breastpin while snoozing in one of the cushioned chairs of the Lindel Hotel billiard-saloon, St. Louis, the other day.

An ice manufacturing company, with a capital stock of $150,000, is about to be organized in Augusta, Ga., for the purpose of manufacturing ice.

In Wisconsin there are eight thousand children, under fifteen years of age, who have been made orphans by the war.

Mount Olympus, the seat of the gods, is now being excavated for coal at two and a half dollars per ton.

The Cincinnati papers say that A. B. COLEMAN has sold the Burnett House to S. N. PIKE for $500,000.

SHIPMENTS OF COTTON FROM NORFOLK.—The shipments of cotton from Norfolk, Va., to Southern cities is becoming quite an item in the trade of that city. A few days ago the steamer *Thomas Kelso* brought six hundred bales to Baltimore. It is stated that the revenue to the United States Government from the tax on cotton alone, shipped from Norfolk in one month, has amounted to the considerable sum of $25,000.

Markets by Telegraph.

CHICAGO, Saturday, Dec. 16.

FLOUR active and advanced 15c.@20c., at $7 25 @$7 50 for Spring extras. WHEAT dull and declined 4c., and subsequently rallied, closing firm at $1 32@ $1 32½ for No. 1, and 92½c.@93c. for No. 2. CORN active at 46c.@47c. for No. 1 and 43c.@46c. for No. 2. OATS dull at 26½c. HIGHWINES quiet. PROVISIONS quiet; Mess Pork at $26 50@$27; sweet pickled Hams at 15c. ℘ lb. HOGS quiet; quotations nominal; dressed in good demand for shipment at 10c.@11¼c. RECEIPTS—2,600 bbls. Flour, 37,000 bushels Wheat, 10,000 bushels Corn and 4,500 bushels Oats. SHIPMENTS—5,500 bbls. Flour.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, Dec. 16.

FLOUR dull and unchanged. WHISKY unsettled, irregular, and sold as low as $2 23, but cloced at $2 25. HOGS dull and nominal, packers not disposed to buy to any extent, at $10@$10 50; drovers are willing to accept these rates freely; receipts 2,400 head. MESS PORK held at $27, for city. LARD dull, at 17½c. for prime city. GOLD 146.

NEW-ORLEANS, Tuhrsday, Dec. 14.

COTTON active; sales to-day 4,000 bales, Middling at 50c. FLOUR quiet and firm; Superfine $8 25 @$8 50. MOLASSES dull; fair to prime, 75c.@80c. SUGAR, fair to fully fair, 15½c.@15¾c. CORN active and firm; Yellow $1 05; White $1 10. EXCHANGE lively; Sterling 158; New-York Checks ¼ ℘ cent. premium. Gold 147¼.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Dec. 12.

COTTON—Sales, to-day, 5,600 bales Middling, at 47c. SUGAR and MOLASSES dull. Checks on New-York, ¼ premium. Sterling Exchange, 158. FREIGHTS—Cotton to New-York, 1c., and to Liverpool, by steamer, ⅞d.

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DEC. 17—*In steamship City of Cork, from Liverpool.*—Mme. and Miss Bernard, Mr. Hodges, W. Davis, J. Sanderson, Henry Wilson, Mr. Power, and 218 in the steerage.

DEC. 17—*In steamship St. George, from Liverpool.*—Mr. Thompson, Miss Clements.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises..... 7 19 | Sun sets..... 4 35 | Moon sets.... 5 27

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook.. 7 53 | Gov. Island. 8 42 | Hell Gate...10 04

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....SUNDAY, Dec. 17.

Arrived.

Steamship City of Cork, (Br.,) Bridgman, Liverpool 1st and Queenstown 2d inst., 5:25 P. M., with mdse. and 225 passengers to John G. Eale. 2d inst., off Poor Head, passed steamship Etna, bound up channel; 3d, 7:20 A. M., 72 miles W. of Fastnet, signalized steamship City of Limerick, bound E.; 5th, 12:50 P. M., lat. 30 45, lon. 27 48, signalized a bark-rigged screw steamship, bound E., supposed the Scotland; 14th, 10:25 P. M., lat. 41 11, lon. 66 23, signalized steamship Scotia, bound E.; 16th, off Fire Island, passed steamship City of New-York, bound E.

Steamship Alhambra, Benson, Charleston 80 hours, with mdse. and passengers to Arthur Leary. Experienced strong head gales the entire passage.

Steamship St. George, (Br.,) Smith, Liverpool Nov. 30, via Queenstown Dec. 1, with mdse. and 340 passengers to Williams & Guion.

Schr. Isaac W. Morse, ——, Providence, for Elizabethport.

Schr. Christine, ——, Providence.

SAILED—Steamship Hecla.

WIND—At sunset, N. E.

By Telegraph.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Arr. steamer Aries, Philadelphia.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 17.—Arr. brig B. P. Brown, Gardner, Boston; schrs. Madagascar, Hodgson, St. Andrews, N. B., for New-York; Ella Franklin, Conway, Boston, for Hilton Head; S. C. Volant, Cozens, Elizabethport, for New-Bedford; Ethel India, Ellis, Gloucester, for New-York; Messenger, Holden, Alnomak; Spear and Trident, ——, Rockland, for New-York; Ada Ames, Marston, Rockland, for Providence.

Miscellaneous.

The bark Helen Augusta, Cutts, hence 16th inst for Port-au-Prince, is ashore on Jersey Beach, S. of the Highlands.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

[OFFICIAL.]

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION—Dec. 16, 1865.

Present, Morgan Jones, Esq., President, Aldermen Moore, Flynn, Shannon, Gedney, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Masterson, Ottiwell, O'Brien, Farley, Van Voorhis.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Deputy Counsel to the Corporation, in answer to the following communication addressed to him by the Clerk of this board.

OFFICE OF CLERK OF COMMON COUNCIL,
No. 8 CITY HALL—NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1865.

Hon. John E. Develin, Counsel to the Corporation:

DEAR SIR: By direction of the Board of Aldermen I am instructed to obtain your opinion and advice as to the proper course for its members to pursue, individually and collectively, as a legislative body, in reference to the accompanying writ to compel them to pass a certain ordinance making an appropriation of seventy-five thousand dollars for the erection of a public market, by the Market Commissioners appointed by the Legislature.

The writ in question is very peremptory in its terms, and directs that the Board pass the ordinance and make return of its action before Monday next. The members of the Board are particularly anxious to learn if it is legal to compel their forcible action on any question, and if the provisions of section eight of the amended charter of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven does not exempt them from accountability, should the refusal to obey the present or any other order issued for a similar or any other purpose by which the action in favor of or against a particular measure, may be a matter of coercion, or in other words, is it competent for any power in this State to compel forcible legislative action by the Board of Aldermen or the Common Council, if such action be deemed by them to be detrimental to the public interests, and in violation of their opinions in the premises.

An immediate reply is respectfully solicited, as the Board has adjourned until the afternoon at three o'clock in order to receive it. Yours, truly,

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk Common Council.

Which was received and ordered on file.

Alderman Ryers moved that when this board adjourn it do to meet on Monday, the eighteenth instant, at one o'clock P. M.

Which was carried.

He then moved that the board do now adjourn.

Which was carried.

And the President declared the board stood adjourned.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

[OFFICIAL.]

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

STATED SESSION.

SATURDAY, Dec. 16, 1865—3 o'clock P. M.

The board met, pursuant to adjournment, in their chamber, number sixteen City Hall.

Present—Councilmen Keenan, Healy, Robinson, Stacom, Hagerty, The President, Councilmen Koster, Kenney, Brady, Patterson, Houghtalin, Leavy, McGrath, Green, Lent, Smith, O'Callaghan, Russell, Joyce, Reilly, Fitzgerald, Cook—22.

The President being absent at roll call,

Councilman Keenan moved that Councilman Green take the chair.

Which was carried.

The minutes of a meeting held December fourteen, were read, when

Councilman Hagerty moved that the question of approving the same be deferred for the present.

Which was carried.

RESOLUTIONS.

By the President—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Thomas Cahill to exhibit goods in front of his premises, number two hundred and forty-two Bowery, such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

MOTIONS.

Councilman Hagerty moved that the Special Committee on the claim of Mr. O'Brien to Councilman Houghtalin's seat in this Board be discharged from the further consideration of that matter.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Healy, Robinson, Stacom, Hagerty, Koster, Kenney, Brady, Leavy, McGrath, Green, Smith, O'Callaghan, Joyce, Reilly, Fitzgerald, Cook—16.

Negative—Councilmen Keenan, Patterson, Lent, Russell—4.

RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Councilman Hagerty—

Resolved, That this Board of Councilmen hereby recognize the right of John Houghtalin to represent the Sixth Senatorial District as Councilman for the present year, he having received the usual certificate of election, and having been sworn into office as provided by the charter of the city of New-York.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Healy, Robinson, Stacom, Hagerty, Koster, Kenney, Brady, Patterson, Leavy, Green, Smith, O'Callaghan, Russell, Joyce, Reilly, Fitzgerald, Cook—18.

Negative—Councilmen McGrath, Lent—2.

By Councilman Patterson—

Whereas, A peremptory mandamus has been issued by Judge Clerke, of the Supreme Court, ordering the Common Council to enact an ordinance creating a public fund or stock to be denominated Market Stock, for the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, to bear date May one, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and bear interest at and after the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and be redeemable on the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance to whom the application of the Commissioners for the erection of a Public Market in the City of New-York was referred, be and they hereby are directed to report at the next meeting of this board an ordinance in compliance with the above-named order of the court.

Councilman Hagerty moved that said paper be laid upon the table.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Healy, Robinson, Stacom, Hagerty, Koster, Kenney, Lent, Smith, Russell, Joyce—11.

Negative—Councilmen Brady, Patterson, Houghtalin, Leavy, McGrath, Green, O'Callaghan, Reilly, Fitzgerald, Cook—10.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Councilman Hagerty moved that the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the communication from the Commissioners for building a market in the City of New-York, requesting the Common Council to make the necessary provisions for the issue of "Market Stock," as provided by December five, of the act passed March fifteen, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, creating such Commissioners.

Which was carried.

Councilman Hagerty then moved that further action thereon be indefinitely postponed.

Which was lost.

Councilman Stacom moved that the paper be laid upon the table.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Healy, Robinson, Stacom, Hagerty, Hayes, Koster, Kenney, Houghtalin, Smith, Russell, Fitzgerald, Cook—13.

Negative—Brady, Patterson, Leavy, McGrath, Green, Lent, O'Callaghan, Joyce, Reilly—9.

RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

By the President—

Resolved, That permission be, and the same is hereby given to Maurice W. Powers to place a Venetian door in front of his place of business, number one Chatham-square, said permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

MOTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Council Leavy moved that the Committee on Donations and Charities be discharged from the further consideration of resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the parties named in the annexed list be and they are hereby donated the sum of fifty dollars each, and the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the aforesaid persons for the above-named sum, provided that they are totally blind and in destitute circumstances, and the amount expended therefor be charged to the account of Donations.

Which was lost.

REPORTS.

Report of the Committee on Streets in favor of paving Thirtieth-street, from First to Fifth avenues, with Belgian pavement.

Which was laid over.

MOTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Councilman Lent moved to take from the table the communication from the Market Commissioners, requesting that provision be made for the issuance of Market Stock.

Which was lost.

Councilman Healy moved that the board do now adjourn.

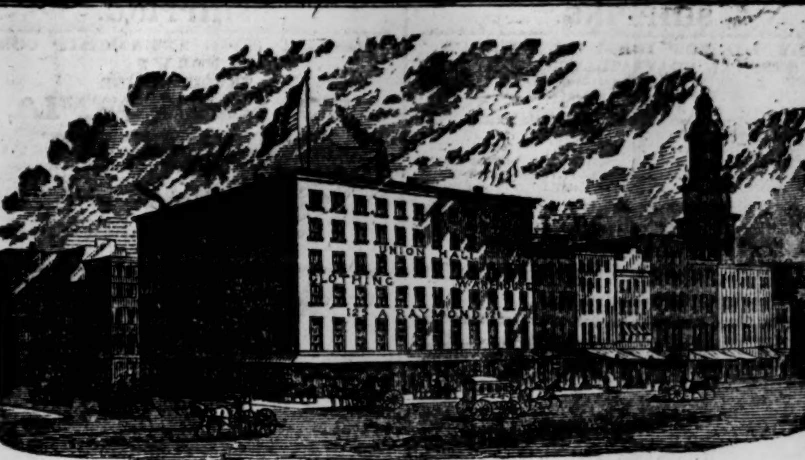
Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Healy, Robinson, Stacom, Hagerty, Hayes, Koster, Kenney, Brady, Houghtalin, Green, Smith, Reilly—13.

Negative—Councilmen Patterson, Leavy, McGrath, Lent, O'Callaghan, Russel, Joyce, Fitzgerald, Cook—9.

Whereupon the President *pro tem.* declared that the board stood adjourned till Monday, the eighteenth instant, at two o'clock P. M.

JAMES M. SWEENY, Clerk.



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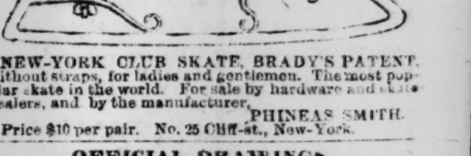

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